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Spain: *APCONADA 8, Urquiza 6, Miqueli 7, Gordillo 5, Alexanco 6 (Almo 6), Guisao 6, Dani 7, Saura 6 (Diego 5), Satrustegui 7, Urias 6, Juanito 6 (Carrasco 6).
England: Shilton 8, Neal 7 (Hughes), Mills 7, Thompson 7, Watson 7, Wilkins 8, Keegan 8, Kennedy 7, Woodcock 8.
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All the week's
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Hold your heads high in Madrid

WHATEVER the outcome of the intriguing European Cup semi-final draw, one thing is certain — Englishmen will be able to hold their heads high when the final is played in Madrid, Spain, on Wednesday, May 28.

For, barring injury, at least one English player will be taking part



in Europe's showpiece . . . and if Forest have their way it could be a whole team!

That much was guaranteed even before the semi-final draw was made last week at UEFA headquarters in Berne, Switzerland — because three of the last four teams in the competition contain English players.

Nottingham Forest, of course, carry our flag into battle with their tie against Dutch champions Ajax. And in the other game, Kevin Keegan will be wearing the now almost legendary number seven shirt against Real Madrid, the Spanish champions who field the brilliant Laurie Cunningham, formerly of Orient and West Brom, in their ranks.

With Ajax the only side not fielding an English player, the final throws some fascinating possibilities. How would Brian

Clough's Forest handle the craft and thinking of Keegan, or the menacing ball skills of Cunningham?

Whoever makes it to Madrid, the quality of the semi-finalists should produce a classic final. Let's be proud in the knowledge that this country's football has made no small contribution to that fact.

• Who will be the Kings of Europe? Match Weekly looks at the two remaining English Clubs' chances of glory on pages 16 and 17.

FRONT PAGE: Flame-haired striker Ian Wallace, of Coventry and Scotland, seems destined to leave the Sky Blues before too long. When he does he may well become Britain's fifth million pound player. Here he disputes a high ball with Everton midfielder Andy King.

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Turner puts the Gay back in Meadow

WHEN Graham Turner looked out on Gay Meadow, home of Shrewsbury Town after the 2-1 home defeat in January by fellow Division Two battlers Cardiff City, it looked bleak for the Welsh border town.

The odds on them hanging on to their Second Division life were stacked high against them, especially as the next match was a daunting one . . . high flying Chelsea away.

Then came the big turning point. Shrewsbury went to Stamford Bridge and gave Geoff Hurst's superkids the fright of their lives with a 4-2 win, two of the goals coming from Shrewsbury's big money signing from Aldershot, John Dungworth.

Victories against Charlton, Orient, Newcastle, Wrexham and Birmingham followed in quick succession, and last week they were on the winning trail again at Watford after a minor hiccup at Leicester.

Turner, who was recently considering his retirement from playing, recalls: "The team, to their credit never lost their self belief and I must admit that I am getting a certain amount of satisfaction from looking at the

league table these days.

"But we cannot afford to relax. We must keep up the tempo and see just how high we can finish in the Second Division in our first ever season in this section."

"We have surprised several other teams with our performances but they don't surprise me," says Turner.

"Other teams expect us to be physical because we came out of the Third Division last season. But I have repeatedly drummed into my players not to concede fouls. This automatically puts us

on the defensive and shortens our chances of winning."

"The players now accept this policy and they have already seen the benefit against some of the better teams in the Second Division."

Turner admits that it took Shrewsbury a long time to adjust to the Second Division but their run of victories is a true indication of their potential.

"If I can retain most of my present team for next season I reckon we can look forward to success."

Shrewsbury Revival

Jan 1	Burnley (h)	won 2-0	King, Maguire
Jan 12	Cambridge (a)	lost 0-2	Dungworth
Jan 19	Cardiff (h)	lost 1-2	Dungworth 2, Keay, Atkins
Feb 2	Chelsea (a)	won 4-2	Biggins, Dungworth, King
Feb 9	Charlton (a)	won 3-1	Biggins
Feb 16	Orient (a)	won 1-0	Maguire, King, Biggins
Feb 23	Newcastle (h)	won 1-0	Maguire
March 1	Wrexham (a)	won 1-0	Maguire
March 8	Birmingham (h)	lost 0-2	Dungworth
March 15	Leicester (a)	won 1-0	
March 22	Watford (a)	won 1-0	



Graham Turner . . . 'we can't afford to relax'



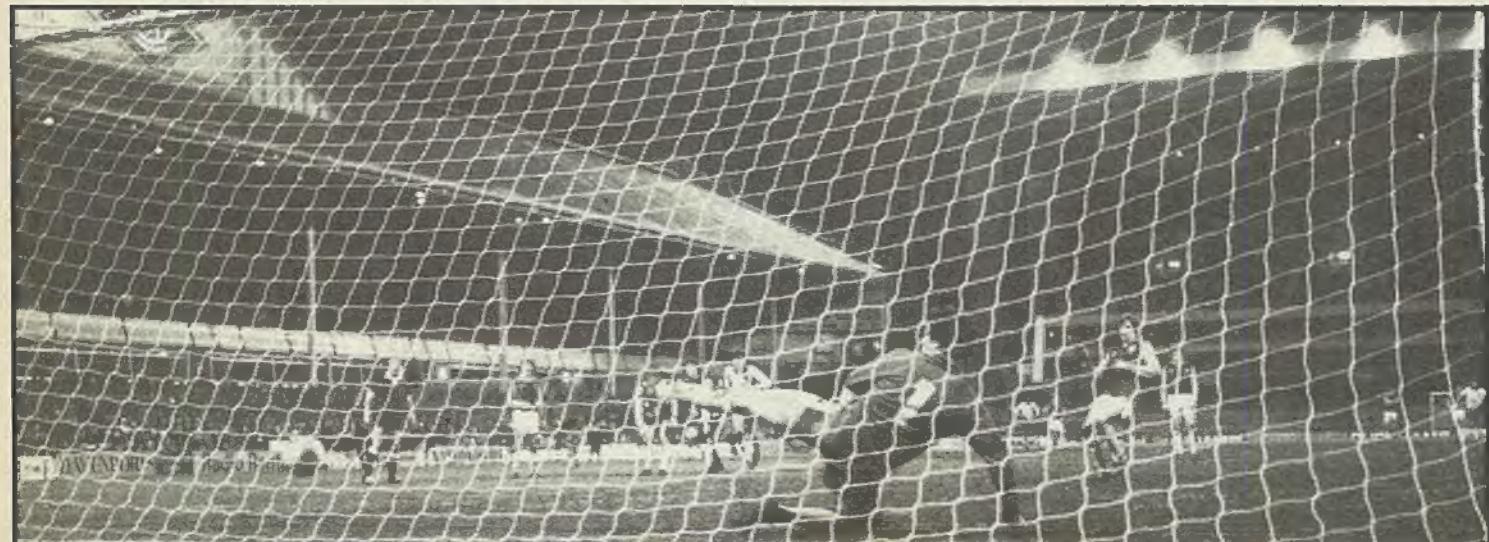
DID . . . Tangled legs as Hoadley lunges to stop Swain scoring.



YOU . . . Swain takes a tumble as the Hoadley tackle comes in.



SEE . . . Hoadley and Swain collapse in a heap as the referee points to the spot.



THAT . . . Gordon Cowans strokes home the penalty as Hansbury goes the wrong way

Hoadley's Horror

....and Norwich pay the penalty

SEVENTEEN thousand fans saw it, the players saw it, the linesmen saw it and most important referee Ken Walmsley saw it . . . P-E-N-A-L-T-Y!

Some decisions cause fans and players to vent their anger — but Mr. Walmsley hardly had to suffer appealing glances from the Norwich players after this tackle by Phil Hoadley on Aston Villa's Kenny Swain.

Hoadley told MATCH WEEKLY: "There was no point in arguing with the ref about it. He was adamant, it was a waste of time.

"The ball was played over our defence and touched on up in the air. When it came down Swain was clear on the edge of our six yard box — it was all over a goal."

A professional foul, Phil?

"I had a go for the ball but there wasn't much chance of it,

he'd probably have scored. At least there was a chance for us with a penalty."

As it happened Gordon Cowans calmly slotted the 71st minute penalty wide of the wrong-footed Roger Hansbury.

"Up to then we'd looked good for at least a point," said Hoadley, a £110,000 buy from Orient last season, who has fought his way back into the first team contention after breaking a toe bone in January.

"We didn't put our chances away, then came the penalty and then the young sub came on to score with his first kick in League football."

The young sub, in fact, was 18 year-old Robert Hopkins, whose injury time goal made history for scoring with his first touch in First Division Football. NEXT WEEK we talk to young Robert who features in our 'debut day' series.

Poor Spurs find it all so tough

I'VE been taking my Tottenham frustrations out on the squash court recently — but unfortunately I can't seem to find much success there either.

Spurs spent a few days in Blackpool prior to our recent game at Bolton and I enjoyed the break away from soccer and the opportunity to turn my hand to squash and snooker.

Squash is not played in Argentina so it is a sport I've only played since arriving in England. And although I enjoy it very much I'm afraid I'm not much good.

We were hoping that a change in routine would give us a change in fortune on the pitch, but it was not to be. Spurs were terrible against Bolton and we're finding it very difficult to raise our game at the moment. The season is dying with little left for us to play for.

We lost a lot of confidence going out to Liverpool in the FA Cup and it will need a really spectacular victory to get us back on the right track again.

Spurs are still suffering from the shortage of firepower in front of goal — the same problem that has dogged us all season.

In that respect it was nice to see Chris Jones back on the scoresheet with a fine goal at Bolton. Glenn Hoddle put a free-kick over and Chris timed his header to perfection to score.

Chris has been unlucky this season with injuries and lack of form and it was good to see him back scoring as he's such an important member of our squad.

WITH THE trail to Wembley now hotting up in earnest I thought English readers might like to know how the Argentinian FA Cup resembles ours. Or rather how it doesn't.

ARDILES



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resemble it. For the Argentinian competition has none of the glamour and excitement attached to the FA Cup as we know it in England.

Firstly there are two Cups — the National tournament and the Metropolitan tournament. The latter comprises sides mainly from Buenos Aires and Cordoba whereas the National tournament, as its name suggests, includes teams from all over the country.

There is not the same all-or-nothing sudden death system that operates here either. The Metropolitan works on a home and away basis. And in the other the teams are split up into groups of four with the first two teams from each section going through to the quarter-finals. The finals are home and away affairs. So 'Cup Final day' hasn't the same effect.

Unfortunately I can't add an Argentinian Cup medal to my World Cup Winners memento. The nearest I came was in 1976 when Huracan were beaten 1-0 in the final by Boca Juniors.

Osvaldo Ardiles

MATCH NEWS . MATCH NEW

DIVISION

'County move can help me' says on-loan Shelton

GARY Shelton, the 21-year-old Aston Villa mid-fielder on loan to Notts County, says: "This move might lead to something."

"It's nice to be playing League soccer again after only getting four games with Villa this season," said the Nottingham-born youngster.

"But there is a difference in the Second Division. In the First Division with Villa you get the impression that things are so much better organised.

"But I'm enjoying it at County. In my first game for them against Bristol Rovers I thought I did quite well, but it takes a little time to settle into the scheme of things."

Shelton, who cost Villa an initial £60,000 when signed from Walsall in January, 1978, earned the Third Division club another £20,000 in February last year when he chalked up his 15th appearance for the Villa Park club.

The deal also included another £20,000 at 50 games



Aston Villa's Gary Shelton

— but young Gary might well be going elsewhere. "Another thing about my loan to County is that it puts me in the shop window," added Shelton. "After all, there might be other clubs besides County who are interested."

Tough baptism for new boss England

IT WILL be a baptism of fire for Mike England when he takes charge of Wales for the first time when the home internationals start on May 17. His first opponents will be England!

The former Blackburn, Tottenham and Cardiff centre-half capped 44 times by Wales between 1962 and 1975, succeeds Mike Smith as team manager. Smith joined Hull City as manager.

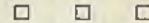
England has accepted a three year contract and a £20,000 drop in salary. Having earned the equivalent of £35,000 last year from his contract with Seattle Sounders in the North American Soccer League, England will be paid £15,000 a year.

After his appointment, however he said: "Going back home to manage Wales is something money can't buy."

"For a Welshman there is no higher honour than to lead his country into the arena of international competition.

"My goal is to make certain Wales qualify for the 1982 World Cup Finals," he said.

Wales series of eight World Cup qualifying matches against Russia, Czechoslovakia, Turkey and Iceland begin in Reykjavik on June 2.



HARTEPOOL'S 23-year-old striker Bob Newton is set for a rags to riches transfer. This summer he makes a trans-Atlantic trip to join Boston Teermen, managed by former Manchester United and Eire international Noel Cantwell.

Although Hartlepool says a fee has still to be agreed it is likely to be around the £100,000 mark.

ONE? LET'S GET BACK NOW

says Luton's Alan West

ALAN West is looking forward to a return to the First Division — and hoping that this time his stay will be a little longer.

West is the only survivor of the last Luton Town promotion side to be gunning for the same honour this season.

And, unlike Hatters' manager David Pleat, he wants promotion THIS season.

"I know what the boss meant when he said perhaps it would be better if we could go up next season," West told Match Weekly.

"But there's no time like the present. It's true that we would be more prepared to make the jump next season but it never works out that way. You've got to take the opportunity when it's there."

Suffered

West skippered the side that went up in 1974 and suffered the huge disappointment of making the reverse journey a year later.

"We finished second in the table then and deserved to go up, but we didn't learn our lesson when we got there.

"You just can't afford to give teams too many chances in the top flight. A lot of it is to do with having good players and having confidence.

"Apart from the odd exception like Nottingham Forest it's normal for a team getting

promotion to find the going tough in the First Division. You are all right once you survive the first season because then you can consolidate."

The major difference between this team and the one that brought success to Kenilworth Road six years ago is that this time youth is on Luton's side. But West feels this can work for and against them.

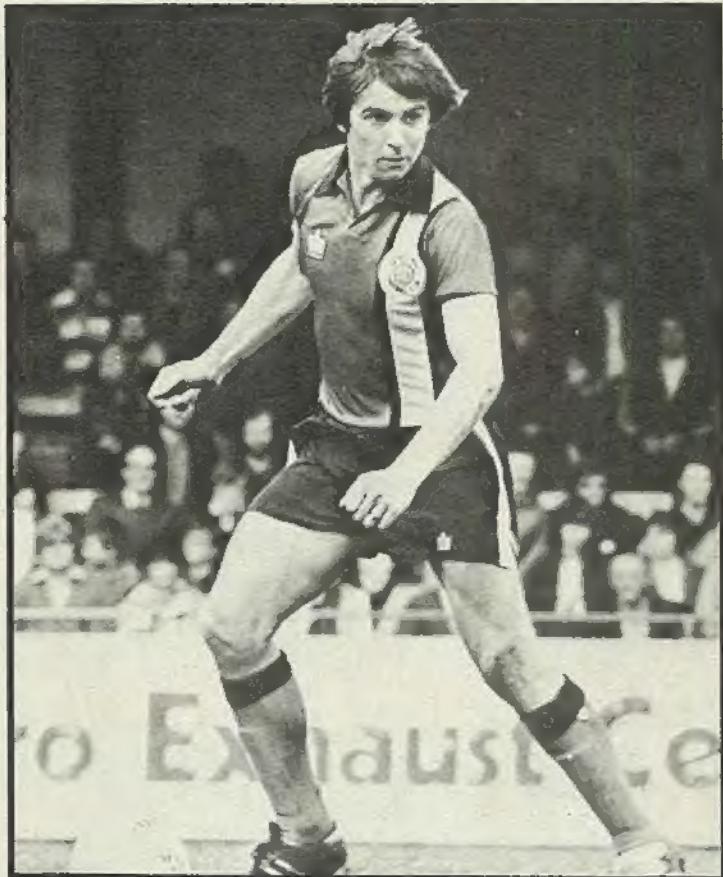
"In a lot of ways it's a bonus because many of our players have eight to ten year's First Division football left in them. They'll be very enthusiastic and will run all over the place for us.

"But you also need experience once you get there — especially at the bigger grounds when the crowds and pressure are intense."

West is not one to go along with the sentiment that it's easier to stay in the First Division than it is to get out of the Second.

"There's no relevance in that," he added. "It's hard to get out of the Second it's true, but it's as equally hard staying in the First. This season there's eight teams in the hunt for promotion — usually there's only five."

RIGHT: Skipper Alan West — the only survivor of the last Luton promotion side — wants Division One football next season.



I don't want to be like Norwich-Mullery

BRIGHTON's ambitious plans to turn their ground into one of the best in the country will not prevent Alan Mullery from reaching the same heights on the field.

The Brighton boss made this clear as his chairman outlined a spectacular £2½ million package that includes building new stands behind each goal, partial covering of the east terrace and lucrative sponsorship deals.

"I don't want to be in the situation that Norwich found themselves in of having to sell my best players," Mullery said. "I told my chairman that and he

agreed with me."

Chairman Mike Bamber said the financing of the ground improvements will be completely "unique". Details will be released later. "It will transform the Goldstone Ground from its present Third Division set-up to that of a First Division one," said Mr Bamber.

It's for the same reason that Brighton will be adopting new colours next season.

Mr Bamber added: "For a number of years the club has worn a blue and white striped strip.

"There has been a feeling that the strip is associated with

a Third Division club. After discussions with the players it's been decided to have a new all-blue strip which we feel is in keeping with the image of a club destined to reach the top."

Adidas have designed the new strip and the deal is worth about £40,000 to the club. It will incorporate the name of British Caledonian Airways who have signed a £60,000 sponsorship contract for next season with options for the following two seasons. Brighton's away strip will be in the airline's colours of gold and blue.

'British Caledonian' will be worn on all tracksuits but can

only appear on first-team jerseys during non-television matches.

The airline will also use the Brighton players and officials in soccer training 'clinics' and exhibitions abroad, particularly Africa and the USA.



● Two of Brighton's young stars talk about how they have adapted to life in Division One. Mark Lawrenson and Steve Foster give you their views on pages 28 and 29.



Kevin Keegan shields the ball from his perpetual shadow.

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SUPERB attacking displays last week by England and Scotland proved beyond doubt that they're now capable of taking on Europe's top sides — and beating them at their OWN game.

The defeats of Spain and Portugal were fashioned on the patient Euro-style build-ups and deadly strikes for goal that we used to admire from the confines of our limited 'big boot' out of defence.

England, of course, have been working towards this pattern since Ron Greenwood assumed control. But their emphatic 2-0 defeat of the Spaniards was probably the best example so far of how well they can make it work.

Midfield men Ray Wilkins, Steve Coppell and Ray Kennedy

were superb and when they released Tony Woodcock and Trevor Francis the strikers tucked away their chances with ruthless efficiency.

The friendly game took on greater significance when the two countries were paired in the same European Championship group in Italy. And although Spain are certain to be a different proposition then it was important for England to get a win in Barcelona.

A host of international managers sitting in the stand couldn't fail to be impressed and Enzo Bearzot said England are now firm favourites to win the first-round group of the European Championship, despite the presence of his own Italian side.

Scotland delighted their fans by swinging the ball about in

SUPER CO

IPSWICH Town's goalkeeper Paul Cooper (right) had the Portman Road fans in a frenzy on Saturday when he saved penalties from Derby's Barry Powell and Gerry Daly in the 1-1 draw.

That makes it eight penalty saves by Cooper this season from 10 attempts but it still leaves him a long way behind the record set in 1903-4 season when Fred Mearns of Kettering saved 19 penalties in the old Southern League.

Meanwhile at the Hawthorns Peter Barnes' penalty conversion for West Brom ended one of the most outstanding penalty saving sequences of recent years.

It was the first penalty out of seven attempts by opponents to beat Leed United's teenage goalkeeper John Lukic. Albion won 2-1.

● Points dropped on Saturday leave these clubs all with first season managers in grave relegation danger: Derby (Colin Addison), Bolton (Stan Anderson), Burnley (Brian Miller), Charlton (Mike Bailey), Blackpool (Alan Ball) and Bury (Dave Connor).

● Shrewsbury, the only team among the 92 to have scored in every home match have now gone 12 months without a goal blank at the Gay Meadow. Their last came in a 0-0 match against Oxford on March 24 last year.



England reign in Spain

midfield and the new strike partnership of Kenny Dalglish and Andy Gray gives much hope for the future.

They scored one apiece with Archibald and Gemmill (penalty) completing the 4-1 scoreline.

The lights went out for 15 minutes on Northern Ireland's group six World Cup game in Israel — but it didn't dim Pat Jennings' bright display.

When the lights were restored part of the pitch remained in

OPER

● The season's most striking about-turn: on the evening of October 6 Sheffield United, high and dry as Third Division leaders, were five points ahead of neighbours Wednesday; now Wednesday are six points in front of United!

● Brighton became the first team for three years on Saturday to complete a season's league double against Nottingham Forest. The last to do it were Wolves in Division Two in season 1976-77.

● The Ipswich revival is one of the most striking for years. On the evening of October 20 they were last in Division One with seven points from 12 matches. Since then they've added 35 points from 23 games and are third in the table!

● Shrewsbury, Wrexham and Millwall now rank as the only teams among the 92 which haven't had a 0-0 draw all season.

● Big scoring ex-England strikers on the goal target on Saturday were John Richards (Wolves) who hit his 126th Football League goal and the first by Dennis Tueart since he returned to Manchester City from the USA was his 117th.

● Coincidence . . . it was the third Saturday in the last eight on which the day's total of Football League goals worked out at 103.

semi-darkness but Jennings continued to keep Israel at bay to earn a 0-0 draw.

Eire fared better against Cyprus in another World Cup qualifying game. McGee, Lawrenson and an own goal by Lysandrou gave them an important 3-2 away win to kick-off group two.

RIGHT: Woodcock fires England's first goal wide of the stranded Arconada.



Steve Archibald looks on despairingly as this effort beats the Portugal keeper but slides wide.

March Matchmen of the Month



Peter Reid . . . Mr. Consistency for Bolton.

Division Two

THE NORTH-East dominated our Match Facts ratings for March underlining the double bid by Newcastle and Sunderland to regain First Division status.

But it's that evergreen schemer Terry Hibbitt who gets the Premier award playing so consistently to score an average eight on our ratings from Newcastle's five March games. Sunderland defender Shaun Elliott, capped by England 'B' in midweek against Spain finished a narrow second, with Tony Currie, Alan Devonshire and Jeff Clarke all square in third.

Player	Team	Games	Ave
TERRY HIBBITT	Newcastle	5	8.00
Shaun Elliott	Sunderland	5	7.80
Alan Devonshire	West Ham	5	7.60
Tony Currie	QPR	5	7.60
Jeff Clarke	Sunderland	5	7.60

Division Three

HOWARD KENDALL — Blackburn Rovers player/manager — showed the youngsters the way home in the Third Division.

Kendall averaged a marvellous mark of 8 in the three games he played in March — coming out star man for his team in two of those games.

Runner-up was Kendall's team-mate Glen Keeley, but while Lancashire took the top two places the next went to Yorkshire in the form of Sheffield United's Tony Kenworthy.

IT'S PETER THE GREAT

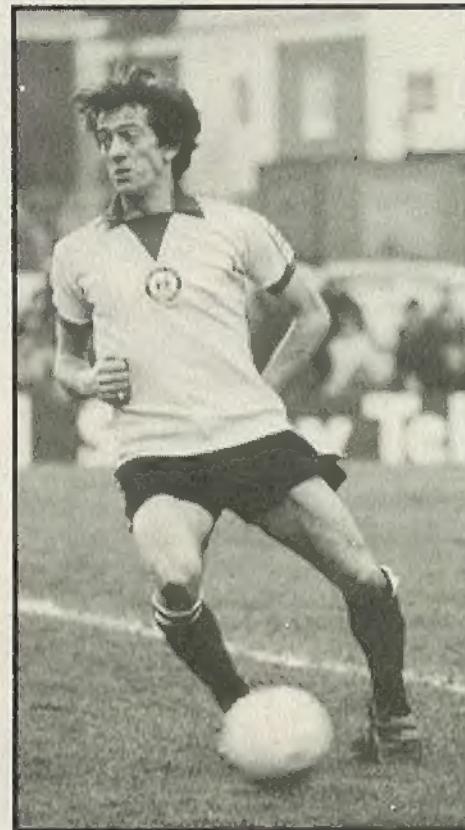
NO ONE more than their talented midfield dynamo Peter Reid epitomises Bolton's fight for survival.

It's a desperate struggle but while there is still a statistical chance of hanging on to their First Division lives Bolton will soldier on — inspired by pint-sized Reid.

In his seven games during March, Reid has totalled an incredible 57 marks in our exclusive MATCH WEEKLY ratings to win the coveted "Matchman of the Month" award for March — a handsome inscribed plaque plus a cheque for £100.

His average of 8.14 puts him well ahead of Alan Biley another youngster who is leading Derby's bid to avoid relegation.

Internationals Liam Brady of Arsenal and Terry McDermott have been hard to split in third spot but Brady gets it for gaining an extra star man award.



Terry Hibbitt . . . Newcastle's man of the month.

Player	Team	Games	Average
HOWARD KENDALL	Blackburn R.	3	8.00
Glen Keeley	Blackburn R.	5	7.80
Tony Kenworthy	Sheff. Utd.	4	7.75
Terry Curran	Sheff. Wed.	6	7.66
Ronnie Glavin	Barnsley	6	7.50

Division One

Player	Team	Games	Ave
PETER REID	Bolton	7	8.14
Alan Biley	Derby	5	7.80
Liam Brady	Arsenal	7	7.71
Terry McDermott	Liverpool	7	7.71
Asa Hartford	Everton	5	7.60

Division Four

STRONG-running Steve Kindon wins the £100 first prize for his consistency for Division Four challengers Huddersfield during March.

The ex-Wolves and Burnley striker gained three eights and a seven in Huddersfield's four games to take the top prize ahead of Hawker of Darlington and Ingram of Northampton.

Player	Team	Games	Ave
KINDON	Huddersfield	4	7.75
Hawker	Darlington	3	7.66
Ingram	Northampton	3	7.66
Campbell	Bradford	5	7.60
Hampton	Hartlepool	5	7.60

Scottish Premier

SANDY Jardine, Rangers robust skipper follows Celtic's Davie Provan as the most consistent player in Scotland last month.

Jardine has consistently shown top form as Rangers strive to win back some pride after an indifferent start to the season and bid for a Scottish Cup final place.

Billy Thomson, St Mirren's young keeper is again among the front-runners with Danny McGrain, Paul Sturrock and the irrepressible George Best close behind.

Player	Team	Games	Ave
SANDY JARDINE	Rangers	6	7.60
Billy Thomson	St Mirren	5	7.40
Danny McGrain	Celtic	7	7.28
Paul Sturrock	Dundee Utd	4	7.25
George Best	Hibernian	4	7.25

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Why I gave Francis so much stick

I'VE given Trevor Francis so much stick over the last 12 months, even my wife is complaining to me about it!

She can't understand why such a pleasant, charming young man should be on the receiving end of my tongue.

But, as I pointed out to her, Trevor is no different to anyone else who comes and plays for us. He has got to take the rough with the smooth.

I know he is a very mild mannered person, but there are times when he has to have the harsh realities of life pointed out to him.

My own two sons are very polite and likeable, but I don't stand on ceremony when I feel they ought to be told about something.

The same applies to Trevor because if I was to steer clear of criticising him I would be failing in my duty as a football manager — just as I would as a father when it applies to my sons.

Trevor cannot expect to be placed in an insulated cocoon away from the outside world. It's not possible and what's more important, it's not good for him.

Do people want Peter Taylor and I to be like little puppets, who don't open their mouths? Do they want us to pat players on the back and say 'Never mind' when things are not going right.



"Trevor Francis (above) is no different to anyone else who comes and plays for us. He has got to take the rough with the smooth."

I am afraid that has never been our style — and never will be. Some managers might take the easy way out and say what they have to say in private but that course of action often proves to be their undoing.

We've always believed throughout our time in management that if you have anything to say or do, just get on with it.

There's no use hiding your problems round the back of the stand in the hope they will go away because they never do.

Francis, like everyone else, has got to realise that my criticism is for his own good — and that of the team.

Justice

I suppose my outspokenness about Trevor came to a head after we had been beaten in the League Cup Final by Wolves.

Journalists ask me questions about him and rather than waffle my way out of them I said what I thought about Trevor's contribution and role at the club.

I only said what everybody was thinking and, what's more important, what he was thinking.

Everyone could see by his display that he wasn't doing himself justice.

Remember, we're not talking about a run of the mill player. It's a current England striker we're discussing and he has got to be judged by those standards.

But having said that, he proved with his two goals against Dynamo Berlin that he has the talent to emerge in the next couple of years to the extent of winning us another European Cup . . . providing he learns his trade.

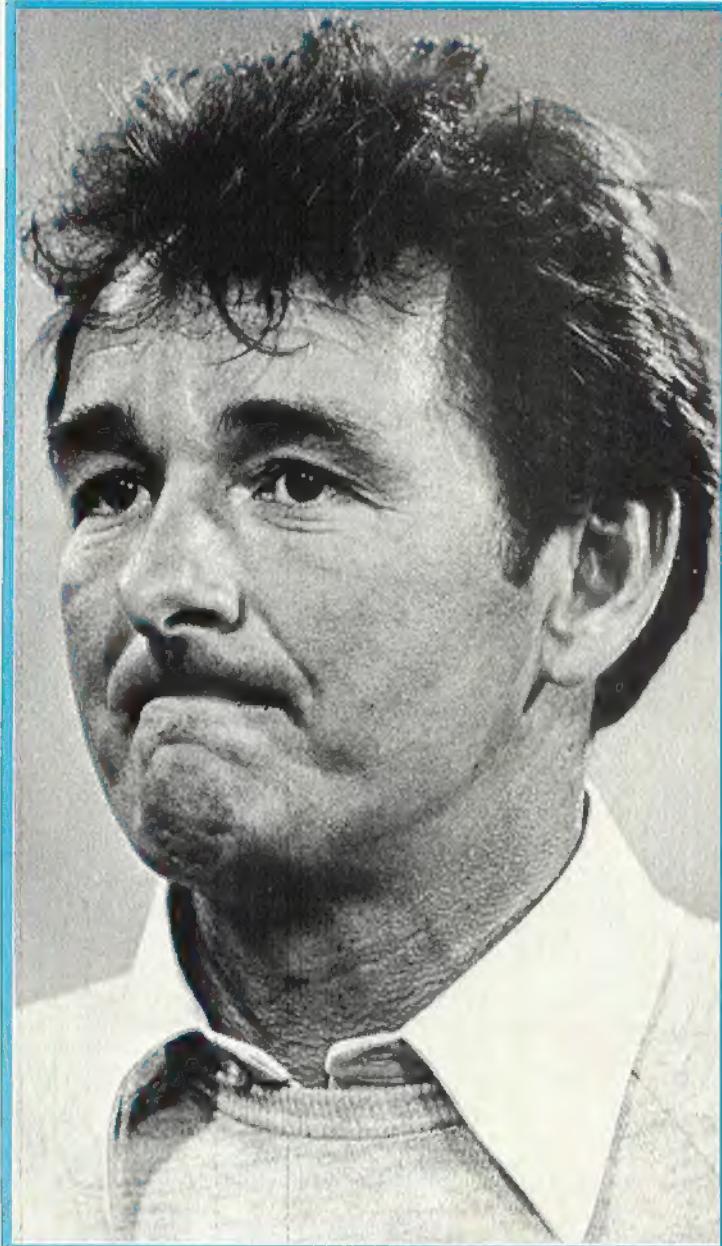
I know there has been speculation that we might release Trevor to finance other transfers but there is only one place for speculation — in the waste bin.

We are looking for a quality player not trying to sell one. For all my criticism of him and tossing him backwards and forwards from midfield and upfront he will still probably end up as our leading goalscorer this season.

And not even I can argue about that.

BRIAN CLOUGH

The Nottingham Forest manager writes for you



"We've always believed throughout our time in management that if you have anything to say or do, just get on with it . . . If I was to steer clear of criticising Trevor I would be failing in my duty as a football manager."

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THUNDERBOLT!



**Justin Fashanu (Norwich) v
Liverpool, Division One,
Carrow Road, Norwich,
February 9, 1980.**

MARTIN PETEY described it as the best goal ever at Norwich. Phil Thompson went further and said it was the best goal he'd ever seen.

Justin Fashanu told MATCH WEEKLY simply: "It was the best goal I've ever scored. And I was thrilled when it won the BBC 'Goal of the Month' award".

He recalled: "Greg Downs made a run down the left, played it square to Kevin Bond, who sent it on to John Ryan. John played it up to me and went for a return wide on the right.

"But I decided to use him as a dummy. As Alan Kennedy went right, I turned inside and as it flipped up had a dig with my left foot. I was surprised it went in like a rocket."

Though Fashanu's thunderbolt volley was a spectacular equaliser, Liverpool struck back twice to win 5-3.



AGONY OF THE ALSO-RANS

Countdown to the semi-finals by TREVOR HAYLETT

THERE is a well-known saying among players that it is better to lose in an FA Cup final than to go out in the semi-final. Better to have got to Wembley, sampled the occasion and lost, than to get so close and throw it all away.

JOHN WILE played for most of an FA Cup semi-final with a blood-stained bandage after a fearful clash of heads with Brian Talbot.

But that was nothing compared to the pain he felt at saying goodbye to his side's Cup hopes in that semi-final two years ago against Ipswich Town.

Heartbreaking

"It's heartbreaking to know you've missed out on the big day," said the West Bromwich Albion skipper.

"At least if you're beaten at Wembley you've got the consolation of taking part in the great occasion.

"You also feel a tremendous disappointment for the fans. We were having a marvellous season and were expected to win against Ipswich although the players knew we weren't playing as well as we should have been.

"You get to know the thoughts of everybody in the street in the days leading up to the semi-final and you get the feeling that everybody is convinced you're there for the final.

"To be honest there was not as much tension in our 2-1 defeat against Ipswich as I thought there would be.

"Ipswich scored early on and this relieved the tension. I think

the longer a game like that goes without a goal the more tense you become — the more crucial are your mistakes.

"Semi-finals are like boxing matches. You start off sparring with your opponents, trying to avoid the big punch. When a goal is scored then you go all out to pull it back."

STEVE DALEY was led off in tears by manager John Barnwell after he had seen his Wolves side go out to Arsenal in last year's semi-final.

"It was a very bad day," said Daley, now with Manchester City. He's still upset over the memory of that Villa Park defeat.

"There is nothing to savour if you go out in the semis.

"We felt that it was going to be our season. But on the day we just did not play well. It was very, very upsetting.

"The most upsetting part was that we let ourselves down badly. You plan for it all week but can't produce the goods on the day.

"You also feel for the fans. It would have been a great day for them at Wembley, walking down Wembley Way with all the banners, but it was not to be. It must have been an awful journey for them back to Wolverhampton from Villa Park after the 2-0 defeat.

"That's why I was so pleased when Wolves beat Nottingham Forest in the League Cup Final. There's a lot of players who've been there a long time. I was delighted for Kenny Hibbitt, Geoff Palmer and all the fans."

THE biggest win in the history of FA Cup semi-finals was Newcastle's 8-0 success over Fulham in 1908.

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THIS is the 18th season since the War in which the semi-final clubs have comprised three from Division One and one from Two.

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WATCH out for "Wembley wobbles" affecting the semi-final winners before they meet in the Final. Incredibly there has only been one case among the previous 70 sets of semi-final sides during the 35 post-War seasons of a team avoiding a league defeat between its semi-final win and the big day at

Wembley. That was when Arsenal won all three such games in 1972.

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EVERTON's Bob Latchford, the only player to score in all four rounds from third to sixth inclusive, will be all out to extend the sequence to finish among the goals in every one of the six rounds the big clubs compete in. The last player to do that was Chelsea's Peter Osgood in 1969-70.

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LIVERPOOL have set up an all-time record covering the Cup's entire history in having reached the semi-finals two seasons on the trot without conceding a goal in the previous rounds.

FA CUP '80



A tearful FA Cup semi-final exit for Steve Daley after Wolves' 2-0 defeat by Arsenal last year. Manager John Barnwell gives him a consoling hand.

I'd rather lose in the final - Clemence

Liverpool's RAY CLEMENCE has scaled the heights of most soccer mountains. But he's also tasted the bitterness of defeats in both the FA Cup semi-final and the final — and he has no doubt which is worse.

"At least at Wembley you've always got the runners-up medal to console you," Clemence said. "If you go out in the semi-final you are forgotten — you may as well have lost in the third round."

"You are so near to the big day in the semis — but if you lose that's it, you are a long, long way away."

"The Cup Final is a great day in itself without taking into consideration the game."

"I think this is possibly why sometimes the final fails to live up to expectations."

"There is so much ballyhoo attached to the occasion that it sometimes affects a player. If they get involved in that side of things it may harm their play on the day."

THE CRUNCH!



Manchester United can beat Liverpool today and send a ripple through the Merseyside team's seemingly smooth run to championship glory.

Old Trafford is the fitting stage for this clash of the super reds... and that's the important factor.

For if anything has separated these two teams this year it is away form... United just haven't picked up two points often enough when they have had to travel.

But at home it's a different story and a different United and I go for them to win today. But it will be close.

One man who will need to be on top form for United and also has something to prove against Liverpool is midfield general

Chocolate Easter eggs may provide a sweet treat over the next few days but it's soccer that provides the main course.

The League list serves up a fascinating feast of fixtures at what is a crucial time of the season.

How's this for starters — Manchester United versus Liverpool at Old Trafford.

Meanwhile it's derby day in East Anglia as Ipswich take on neighbours Norwich.

And what about this for a menu in the Second Division... Sunderland versus Newcastle... Leicester versus Chelsea... and Q.P.R. versus Birmingham.

Last but by no means least it's the return of the big one in Sheffield as United play hosts to Wednesday in the Third Division.

Then on Monday derby fever hits North London as Tottenham take on rivals Arsenal

Ray Wilkins

Liverpool are extremely strong in midfield and even Wilkins admits that when the two teams met earlier in the season he hardly got a kick.

"No one player in particular was marking me — it just seemed that every time I got the ball there was about eight

of them on me.

"They played exceptionally well that day and it will be very tough again this time — they are the most professional side I have seen this season."

At the time he was speaking Liverpool had a four point lead at the top of the First Division but Wilkins was quick to point

STRATTON
on Saturday



Paul Stratton looks at the weekend's games

ABOVE: Liverpool's Alan Hansen (left) tangles with Manchester United's Joe Jordan in the League clash at Anfield earlier this season. Both should prove key men today when the two teams meet again.

out that he hadn't given up hope:

"We must beat them — we haven't given the championship up. Football's a funny old game and anything could happen."

"We went through a shaky time recently and Liverpool went away from us a bit."

"Now turn over for Paul's predictions and his run-down on the best of Saturday's games."

ARSENAL v SOUTHAMPTON: Saints haven't even managed to score in their last five League visits to Highbury. The Gunners have secured four 1-0 victories and the other meeting finished 0-0. Arsenal can do it again today.

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ASTON VILLA v FOREST: Forest have won their last two League matches at Villa Park but Villa won two and drew two of the previous four. So the honours are even but Villa can tip the balance their way this time.

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DERBY v LEEDS: The Baseball Ground will hold no fears for Leeds who have managed four wins and three draws in their last nine visits in the League. I'm going for another draw today.

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Sunderland

A salvage job for the Canaries

EAST Anglia's two main rivals, Ipswich and Norwich, do battle at Portman Road today in a match the Canaries must win to salvage some local pride.

Norwich have really been overshadowed by the achievements of their high-flying neighbours this season.

And the transfer of Kevin Reeves — arguably their best player — to Manchester City can't have helped morale.

For the Norwich fans this is probably the last chance to get one over on their Ipswich rivals, who have League runners-up spot and a place in Europe in their sights.

But it's a game that smacks of victory for the home side, who currently look better in every department.

I can't see the Norwich defence holding Ipswich strikers Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil, who have really impressed this season and whose efforts have been rewarded by international recognition.

Norwich and their fans however will relish the chance to topple their neighbours and the occasion should be one to savour as Norwich striker Justin Fashanu told me:

"The fans have been looking forward to this one for ages. In the past the fixture had tended to be a bit dull but more recently the atmosphere at these games has been superb."

Rofe's sentimental return

CHELSEA travel to Leicester today and that means a sentimental return to Filbert Street for Dennis Rofe, recently transferred to the London outfit.

On Boxing Day Rofe found himself on the losing Leicester side that went down 1-0 to Chelsea.

Now, in the return, the boot is on the other foot and Rofe will line up against his 'old' team mates.

"Looking back I'm glad Chelsea beat Leicester on Boxing Day," Rofe told me. "It's always exciting to go back to your old club for the first time and it will be even more so today because it has come so quickly after my move and both clubs are locked in the promotion race."

"If ever I needed motivation to play well then this is it. I want to go back and play well in front of the fans I knew for eight years."

Certainly Chelsea manager Geoff Hurst shouldn't be short of information on the Leicester strengths and weaknesses, but it's sure to be a hard game.

"They are all going to be difficult from now on. Leicester have a lot of good players. Alan Young has started scoring goals and he and Martin Henderson up front have a good partnership."



Chelsea's recent signing Dennis Rofe — up against his old club today.

PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

Saturday April 5

Division One

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Arsenal v So'ton	1-0
Villa v Nott'm F.	2-1
Bristol C. v W.B.A.	1-1
Palace v Brighton	3-1
Derby v Leeds	1-1
Everton v Bolton	2-0
Ipswich v Norwich	3-0
Man. Utd. v Liverpool	1-0
M'boro v Coventry	2-0
Stoke v Man. City	3-1
Wolves v Spurs	2-1

Division Two

Burnley v Shrewsb'y	1-1
Leicester v Chelsea	2-2
Luton v Watford	2-0
Notts Co. v Charlton	2-0
Oldham v Cambridge	1-0
Preston v Wrexham	2-0
Q.P.R. v B'mghm	2-1
Sundl'dn v Newcastle	3-1
Swanses v Bristol R.	2-0
West Ham v Orient	2-1

Division Three

Barnsley v Grimsby	1-1
Bury v Rotherham	2-1
Carlisle v Chesterfield	2-1
Chester v Brentford	3-1
Exeter v Swindon	2-0
Gilling'm v Colchester	1-1
Hull v Blackpool	2-0
Mansfield v Bleckb'n	0-1
Millwall v Wimbl'dn	4-1

SEEK REVENGE!

Stratton
on
Saturday

Geordie pride at stake in big North East battle

GEORDIE pride and passion will be at its height today as 'old rivals' Sunderland and Newcastle clash head-on at Roker Park.

Both teams are pushing for promotion and very little separates them at the top of the Second Division.

But while Newcastle got off to a flying start this season, their pace has undoubtedly slowed.

Newcastle's Tommy Cassidy says however: "We have gone through a bad patch, but we are coming out of it and by the time we go to Sunderland we could be back on top form."

That may be so, but Sunderland's home form has never been anything less than imposing and although they were let down by away form earlier in the season they appear to have sorted that out.

If anything Sunderland look the best bet for promotion of the two in my book and I'm going for them to steal two points over their

rivals in the march on Division One today.

Sunderland striker 'Pop' Robson is a good man to have around on occasions like this and he's optimistic:

"Derby matches are always unpredictable because local pride is at stake and both teams get a lift, but I fancy our chances because of our defensive record which has given us confidence up front.

"Having said that, we were equally optimistic when we faced Newcastle in the League Cup at Roker Park and we seemed set to win when we were two goals up, but Newcastle came back and it ended 2-2.

"This game is more important because promotion is at stake."

Newcastle midfielder Cassidy agrees: "It's the most crucial match of the season for us. Right now I think both teams would settle for the draw because losing could affect promotion chances."



Birmingham's Alan Ainscow (dark shirt) in action against Fulham — 'The Easter programme is that much more important this year,' he says.

Sheffield showdown

SHEFFIELD Wednesday look set to land the League double over Sheffield United today in what promises to be another amazing derby day in Yorkshire.

Just over 49,300 fans — a record attendance for a Third Division game — poured through the gates of Hillsborough when the two met earlier in the season.

United were top of the table then, but went down 4-0. Since then Wednesday have gone above their cross town rivals.

The outcome of today's match could

prove vital as both sides challenge for promotion. And there's bound to be another huge gate.

It will be Wednesday's first League visit to Bramall Lane since season 1970-71 when both teams were in the Second Division. On that occasion United won 3-2.

I'm going for Wednesday to take the honours today however, with Terry Curran — Match Weekly's Third Division Matchman of the Month for February — possibly proving to be the matchwinner.

Oxford v Southend	3-1
Reading v Plymouth	2-0
Sheff. U. v Sheff. W.	2-2

Division Four

B'nmth v Aldershot	1-1
Bradf'd v Darl'gtn	4-0
Doncaster v Walsall	1-2
Hudd'sfd v Halifax	3-0
Lincoln v Rochdale	4-0
Newport v Torquay	2-1
Portsm'th v Heref'd	3-1
Scunth'pe v P. Vale	2-0
Tranmere v Crewe	3-0
Wigan v P'boro	0-0
York v Hartlep'l	2-2

Scottish Premier

Celtic v Aberdeen	1-0
Dundee v Rangers	2-1
Kilmarnock v Morton	1-1

Partick v Dundee U.	0-0
St. Mirren v Hibs	2-0

Division One

Airdrie v Hearts	2-1
Arbroath v Dumb'tn	1-1
Ayr v St. Johnstone	3-2
Berwick v Stirling A.	1-1
Clydebank v Raith	0-0
Dun'f'min v Hamilton	1-0
Motherwell v Clyde	2-0

Division Two

Albion R. v Stranraer	4-1
Cowd'nth v Forfar	1-1
E. Fife v Alloa	2-0
Falkirk v Brechin	3-0
Montrose v E. Stirling	1-2
Q. of Sth. v Mead'wbnk	2-1
Queen's P. v Sten'h'smr	2-1

Crucial Easter for Blues

BIRMINGHAM — one of my favourites to make the climb to Division One — could do themselves a big favour this weekend at the expense of their promotion rivals.

They have a difficult away game today — at Queens Park Rangers. And on Monday they are home to West Ham.

Birmingham's Alan Ainscow told me: "This Easter is made that much more important by the fact that so many of the top teams are playing each other.

"But I still wouldn't be surprised if promotion all hinges on the last match."

It was Birmingham who really upset the apple cart recently when they thrashed Chelsea 5-1 at St Andrews, but Ainscow still fancies the London team for a top three spot.

"I was surprised how easy it was on that occasion, but we played very well. Maybe they can still do it though. I have a sneaking fancy for Sunderland too, if they can keep up a good run away from home."

Birmingham beat today's opponents Q.P.R. 2-1 at Christmas but the Londoners are a good team at home and they score a lot of goals.

"Q.P.R. looked out of it at one time but a good run put them right back in with a chance," said Ainscow.

"I think we have got a chance if we can snub out their forwards Clive Allen and Paul Goddard."

Who will be the Kings

How they got there

FOREST

European Cup

First Round (first leg)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2 (Bowyer 62, Hallan o.g. 73)
OESTERS 0 (Sweden) 0

First Round (second leg)

OESTERS 1 (Nordgrain 52)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 1 (Woodcock 79)
Forest won 3-1 on aggregate.

Second Round (first leg)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2 (Woodcock 12, Birtles 16)
ARGES PITESTI 0

Second Round (second leg)

ARGES PITESTI 1 (Barbulessu pen. 60)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 2 (Bowyer 6, Woodcock 23)

Nottingham Forest won 4-1 on aggregate.

Quarter Final (first leg)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST 0
DYNAMO BERLIN 1 (Riediger 62)

Quarter Final (second leg)

DYNAMO BERLIN 1 (Terletzki, pen. 47)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST 3 (Francis 15, 36, Robertson pen. 38)

Nottingham Forest won 3-2 on aggregate.

ARSENAL

Cup Winners Cup

First Round (first leg)

ARSENAL 2 (Sunderland 28, Young 68)
FENERBACHE (Turkey) 0

First Round (second leg)

FENERBACHE 0
ARSENAL 0

Arsenal won 2-0 on aggregate.

Second Round (first leg)

ARSENAL 2 (Young 3, Sunderland 60)
FC MAGDEBURG (East Germany) 1 (Pommerenke 41)

Second Round (second leg)

FC MAGDEBURG 2 (Strehl, pen. 50, Stammann 66)
ARSENAL 2 (Price 26, Brady 85)

Arsenal won 4-3 on aggregate.

Quarter Final (first leg)

ARSENAL 5 (Sunderland 32, 44, Price 39, Brady 58, Young 65)
IFK GOTHEBORG (Sweden) 1 (Nilsson 31)

Quarter Final (second leg)

IFK GOTHEBORG 0
ARSENAL 0

Arsenal won 5-1 on aggregate.

AJAX

European Cup

First Round (first leg)

HELSINKI JK (Finland) 1 (Rautanen 50)
AJAX 8 (Lerby 8, 33, Tahamata 20, 70, Arnesen 37, 68, Krof pen. 53, La Ling 63)

First Round (second leg)

AJAX 8 (Krol 6, 67, Blanck 15, 54, 61, 88, Everse 21, Lerby 27)
HELSINKI 1 (Tolvola 85)

Ajax won 16-2 on aggregate.

Second Round (first leg)

AJAX 10 (Lerby 14, 28, 43, 72, 74, Blanck 68, 81, 87, Krof pen. 53, Arnesen 68)
OMONIA NICOSIA (Cyprus) 0

Second Round (second leg)

OMONIA NICOSIA 4 (Chikkos 10, Philippou 15, Kayatas 38, 56)
AJAX 0

Ajax won 10-4 on aggregate.

Quarter Final (first leg)

STRASBOURG (France) 0
AJAX 0

Quarter Final (second leg)

AJAX 4 (Arnesen, Schoenaker, Lerby, La Ling)
STRASBOURG 0

Ajax won 4-0 on aggregate.

JUVENTUS

Cup Winners Cup

First Round (first leg)

JUVENTUS 2 (Pozegel o.g. 64, Cabrini, pen. 73)
RABA ETO (Hungary) 0

First Round (second leg)

RABA ETO 2 (Furka o.g. 4, Pozegel 23)
JUVENTUS 1 (Causio 52)

Juventus won 3-2 on aggregate.

Second Round (first leg)

BEROE STARA ZAGORA (Bulgaria) 1 (Stoyanov pen. 82)
JUVENTUS 0

Juventus won 3-1 on aggregate.

Quarter final (first leg)

JUVENTUS 3 (Scires 7, Causio 103, Verza 108)
BEROE STARA ZAGORA 0

Juventus won 3-1 on aggregate.

Quarter final (first leg)

RIJEKA (Yugoslavia) 0
JUVENTUS 0

Juventus won 2-0 on aggregate.

It couldn't have better for us —

NOTTINGHAM Forest's fascinating management duo, Brian Clough and Peter Taylor, are confident their never say die team can retain the European Cup and so take their place in English soccer history by emulating Liverpool.

While conceding that "all games are tough at this stage" it is quite clear that Ajax — three times winners of the competition themselves — are the team they wanted to draw.

Taylor would have preferred to see Forest away from home in the first leg, but Clough is known to have an opposite view and the short hop across to Holland will provide no real travel problems.

Says Taylor confidently: "Brian and I believe that we can go on and take the cup for the second year and drawing Ajax has not changed that view."

"After the way we performed in Berlin in the last round no one can write us off. Ajax suit us fine."

Reference to that last round is

worthwhile. Forest WERE written off by many after going down 1-0 to Dynamo Berlin at the City Ground in the first leg.

Not so many days after that shock home defeat they suffered what could be regarded as an even more morale-sapping defeat — at the hands of Wolves in the League Cup final.

Clough confidently stated then that Forest would bounce back in the European Cup and how right he was.

Behind the Iron Curtain they firmly silenced the doubters with a masterful 3-1 away victory over Berlin to go through to the semi-final.

Added his partner Taylor: "It really couldn't have been a better draw for us. For one thing we know more about the Dutch players than about those with the other clubs involved."

"I have been over to Holland watching players recently and that will come in very useful."

Despite the dossier Taylor must have already built up, he

Gunners look to Alan

ARSENAL — Britain's only other survivor in Europe — are delighted to be at home in the first leg of their Cup Winners Cup semi-final . . . even though they must have been hoping for easier opposition.

The Gunners have their sights set on a third successive appearance at Wembley in the FA Cup again this year as well as a high spot in the League.

And the April 9 date for the Cup Winners Cup semi-final first leg provided them with a fourth fixture in the space of eight days.

A first leg away draw in Turin would only have accentuated their already congested fixture problem — a point

acknowledged by Arsenal coach Don Howe:

"It was important we came out of the hat first," he declared.

Looking forward to the tie against Italian cup holders Juventus he added:

"They are a team of great tradition and a team packed with experienced players. We will need to take our chances at home and follow that by showing plenty of character away from home in the second leg."

Arsenal will obviously be looking for Alan Sunderland to keep up his record of scoring in every round so far to build up a respectable lead at Highbury.

'Ageing' Juventus find their form

JUVENTUS have only recently started to slowly find their form after a disastrous season in the Italian League.

However they boast several "big occasion" players like goalkeeper Zoff, midfielders Causio and Tardelli and striker Roberto Bettega — players sure to form the backbone of the Italian national team in the European Championship in June.

Although Juventus took the UEFA Cup three years ago in 1977 their team is 'ageing' and they have constantly failed when on the fringe of European glory.

Real would be at home in the final

LAURIE Cunningham's Real Madrid will desperately want to reach the final of the European Cup which will be played on their own ground in Madrid.

But the Spanish champions must first overcome Kevin Keegan's Hamburg side in the other semi-final.

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GERMANY'S power as a footballing force is demonstrated with a vengeance in the semi-finals of the UEFA Cup. All four teams left in are from Germany . . . Dundee, Glenavon, Leeds, West Brom, Everton, Ipswich and Aberdeen all falling by the wayside.

of Europe?

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European Cup

Nottingham Forest v Ajax Amsterdam (Holland)
Real Madrid (Spain) v SV Hamburg (West Germany).

Cup Winners Cup

Nantes (France) v Valencia (Spain)
Arsenal v Juventus (Italy)

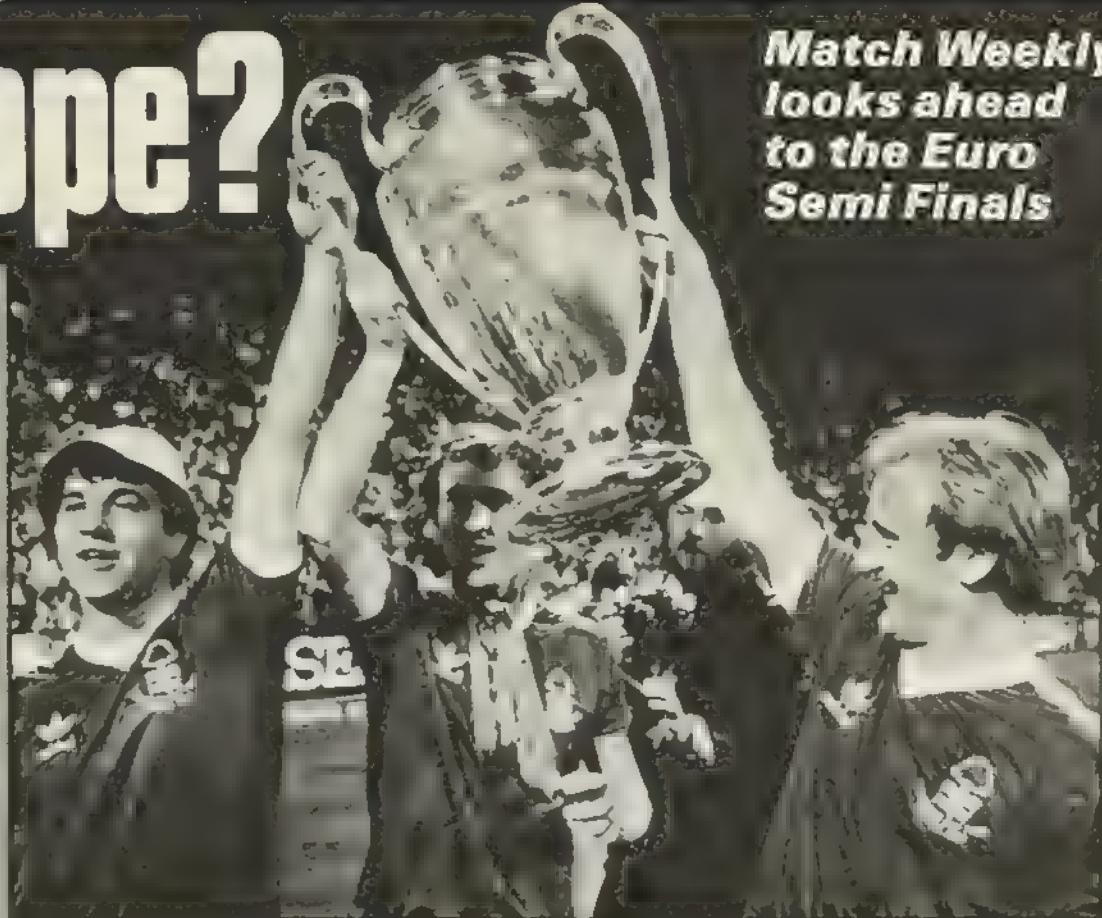
UEFA Cup

Bayern Munich v Eintracht Frankfurt
Stuttgart v Borussia Moenchengladbach

Ties to be played on April 9 and April 23.

and Clough still planned to watch Ajax before the semi-final clash — the first time they have bothered in this season's campaign.

Said Clough: "In the early seventies everybody knew



Forest players John Robertson (left), Ian Bowyer (centre) and Kenny Burns celebrate with the European Cup after the 1-0 triumph over Swedish champions Malmo last year. Can they do it again?

everything about Ajax because they were doing so well in the European Cup. Not quite so much is known about them at the moment.

"What I do know is that if Ajax match up to what we have seen

from Dutch football in the last two World Cups then they will have plenty of talent to portray.

"I remember about six years ago Ajax destroyed Stoke with their offside tactics — particularly at the Victoria

Match Weekly looks ahead to the Euro Semi Finals

AJAX are not the force to be feared they were in the early 70's when they took the European Cup three times in succession.

They are on course to retain the Dutch title this season, but the unstoppable days of Johann Cruyff and Johan Neeskens are

However, they still have one of Europe's top sweepers in the masterful Rudy Krol and they boast the current Dutch national goalkeeper in Piet Schrijvers.

Krol is still a driving force for Ajax despite the advancing years — now 31 he has won more than 60 caps for Holland — and he is the only remaining member of that 'treble' winning Ajax team.

Krol was also a member of Holland's last two World Cup sides but he may well be moving to Arsenal when the Ajax interest in the European Cup ends.

Ajax beat Strasbourg of France in the quarter finals. After holding out for a 0-0 draw away from home in the first leg they blasted the French champions in the return 4-0 — four players

getting on the scoresheet.

But their second round results were strange to say the least . . .

They thrashed Omonia Nicosia of Cyprus 10-0 in the first leg and then lost 4-0 in the return.

And while it might be argued that the incentive wasn't there another reason may be that they were missing Rudy Krol at the back.

It possibly underlines the importance of Krol to the Ajax side and he must be the man Forest strikers Trevor Francis and Garry Birtles will have to expose.

Whatever possible loopholes there may be in the Ajax defence their goal power is obvious.

They have scored a staggering 34 goals in their six European Cup matches so far and while it has to be said that the opposition early on was weak they obviously have scorers of ability.

Attaching midfielder Soren Lerby has to be a man to watch — he's scored in every round and now stands on a total of nine goals. Partnering him in midfield is another Dane — Frank Arnesen

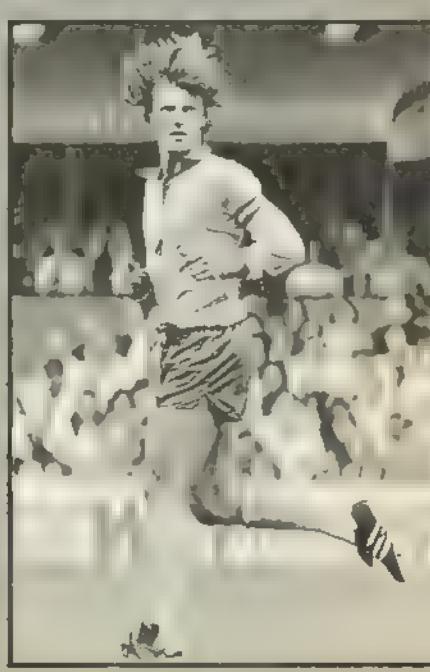
— and he's bagged four goals himself.

Up front, 20-year-old Tom Blanck is the danger man. Blanck bagged four goals in the first round and three in the second round. He's flanked by La Ling and the equally Oriental-sounding Tahamata.

Here's the full run down of the Ajax squad:

Goalkeeper: Piet Schrijvers (aged 34); **Defenders** — Wim Meutstege (28), Rudy Krol (31), Cees Zwamborn (28), Jan Everse (26), Peter Boeve (23); **Midfield** — Dick Schoenaker (28), Henning Pansen (31), Soren Lerby (22), Frank Arnesen (24); **Strikers** — Tscheu La Ling (24), Karel Bonsink (27), Simon Tahamata (24), Tom Blanck (20).

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Rudy Krol — such a driving force for Forest's opponents Ajax.

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Bertschin blast

Debut double for 16 year-old Johnstone

Derek Johnstone (Rangers) v Cowdenbeath Sept 20, 1970

THE RANGERS players filed into the dressing room for final team talk before the home match with lowly part-timers Cowdenbeath.

On paper it looked a comfortable home fixture. Team selection looked a formality. Colin Stein, Rangers' record £100,000 signing from Hibernian would have a field day against the men from north of the Clyde.

"I was just 16 at the time,"



said Johnstone "and had only been with the club two months, having left Linlithgow High School, Dundee."

"I'd been scoring consistently in the Reserves, but when I was called into the first team squad I thought I was only in the room to be shown the ropes and get a taste of the atmosphere."

"Then the manager read out the team list and I was in at No. 9. Colin Stein was on the bench. I couldn't believe it."

"I don't remember much about the game, only that I scored two, one with my left foot from Willie Henderson's cross and the other a header in a 5-0 win."

Johnstone was rested after that memorable debut but four weeks later, the then Rangers coach Jock Wallace

recommended to manager Willie Waddell that Johnstone should be brought back into the side for the League Cup final with Celtic at Hampden in front of 106,000 screaming partisan fans.

Wallace, now steering Leicester City towards the First Division again recalls:

"Stein was either injured or suspended and I asked Waddell to consider playing young Derek. I saw him as the only one likely to beat Billy McNeill in the air even though he was a lad."

"And he did it on the day, too. When Willie Johnston put the cross over, he got between McNeill and John Greig to head a great goal from 16 yards. The best goal I've ever seen him score and it won us the Cup."

Johnstone, reflects finally: "I was so thrilled with my winners medal that when I flew to Iceland with the Scottish Youth team after the final I decided to hide it in my hotel room so it wouldn't be stolen."

"I hid it so well, I forgot about it and after a call from Rangers when I got back the Hotel searched and found it and I got it back."

Left: Derek Johnstone — just 16 when he made his debut. Inset: Jock Wallace.

for Gunners

Reject Keith scored with his first touch

Keith Bertschin (Birmingham City) for Ipswich v Arsenal Div 1, April 17 1976

KEITH Bertschin used to cheer Arsenal on as a youngster — little realising that in later years it would be the Highbury crowds who would rise to him.

Bertschin, who knocks in goals now for Birmingham, made his debut for Ipswich at Arsenal and scored with his first touch within two minutes of coming on as a second-half substitute.

He did the same a year later for Ipswich in the same fixture as a sub and then scored on his first game there with Birmingham.

"It's certainly been a happy hunting ground for me," Bertschin said. "It's funny because I was born in Enfield and used to support Arsenal, along with Tottenham, and was associated with them as a schoolboy.

"My first game there coincided with Bertie Mee's last game in charge — and it was he who told me I had no future at Arsenal.

"I came on as substitute for David Johnson with just 15 minutes to go. We were losing 1-0 at the time and I hadn't touched the ball when we were awarded a free-kick on the edge of the box.

"Trevor Whymark went for the ball. I followed behind him and

dived at the ball as it came towards me.

"It was my first touch of the ball and it ended up in the back of the net! I was absolutely content with the world. My family, who were there, were delighted for me — and Bobby Robson was over the moon.

"I kept my place for the following Monday's game at West Ham and scored the first goal in our 4-0 win. But then it was down to earth with a bump when Francis Lee scored a hat-trick in his farewell game for Derby who beat us 6-2. I did have the consolation of making both goals though.

"The following season Ipswich sold David Johnson to Liverpool and it was up to me to make the first-team place my own. But I didn't really look the part, I was a bit inconsistent and they bought Paul Mariner from Plymouth.

"Then Birmingham came in and I was on my way. I've been very happy at the club and I've settled down better in the area than I did at Ipswich, even though I keep in touch with the Ipswich lads and will go back soon to visit my mate Russell Osman."

I was delighted for the lad - Ipswich boss Bobby Robson

"IT WAS quite incredible," said Ipswich manager Bobby Robson recalling Bertschin's amazing debut. "It must almost be unique for a player to go on as a late substitute and score with his first touch."

"It's a long while ago now and I can't remember what I said to him before and after, but I remember feeling absolutely delighted for the lad.

"Two years later we sold Keith to Birmingham City. We were sorry to see him go but at the time we had Paul Mariner and Trevor Whymark up front for us and other players waiting their chance like David Geddis and Robin Turner.

"We got a fair price for Keith, but I'm not surprised he's done so well at Birmingham. He was always going to be a good player."

Bobby Robson (left): "Keith's debut was quite incredible."



Keith Bertschin (above) who scored with his first touch on his debut.

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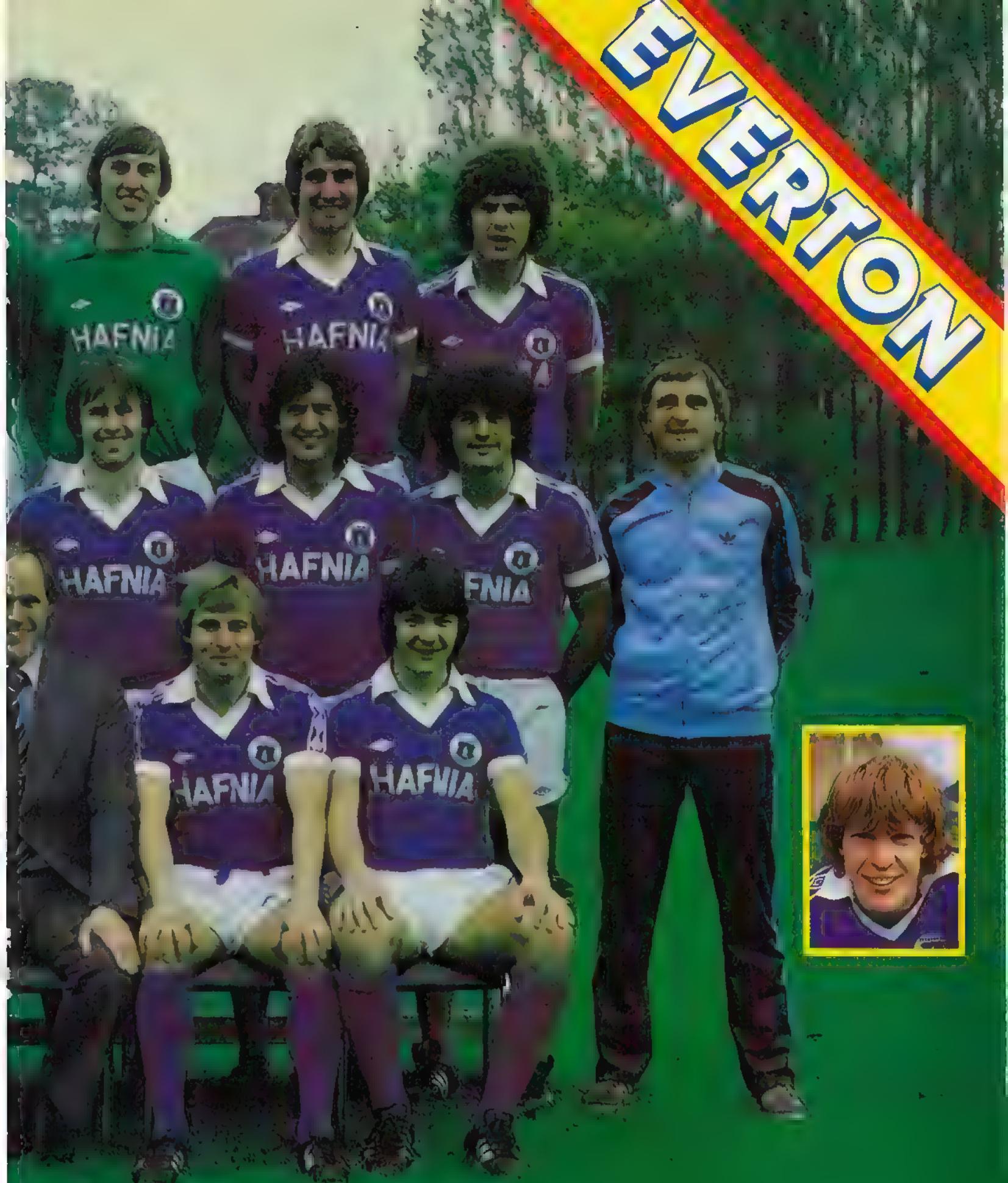
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Bartford, Billy Wright. Insets: Joe McBride (left) and Barry Magrath.

Robinson's the name

WHAT'S in a name? On the day that Chris Marustik, of Swansea City, was voted Robinsons Barley Water young player of the month for South Wales and the West he was dropped from the first team. His replacement? Neil Robinson!

Mark Wynter, Ravenhill,
Swansea

That hard Leeds image

ISN'T it strange how for years now Leeds United have produced a great number of what we call 'hard' players?

Hunter, Yorath, Hankin, McQueen, Jordan, Charlton, Hart and Stevenson to name but a few, have all on more than one occasion been accused of committing disreputable fouls.

I am not suggesting that all of these are out-and-out cheats, but I feel that there is a distinct connection between the behaviour of the players on the field and the fans' bad reputation on the terraces.

Clive Trusson (16), Worcester Park, Surrey

Keep League Cup as it is

I'M against the suggestion by Football League officials to invite 'minnow' clubs into next year's League Cup.

They can chase for their glory in the F.A. Cup and in their own competitions. In my view the League Cup should remain as its name suggests — for League clubs only.

Michael Turner (15), Cosby, Leics

Don't forget the Greeks

I WOULD like to point out that too many people are underestimating Greece's chances in the European Championship in June.

The main reason for this is that not many people know the Greek team. But don't forget that before the 1978 World Cup nobody knew anything about the Argentinian team, but in the end they came out as World Champions.

All right, maybe Greece aren't a very good team but shocks can happen in football as many an English fan can tell you.

Kevin Welsh (11), County Mayo, Ireland

McDonald for Scotland

I THINK Bobby McDonald of Coventry is good enough for

Step-up the rule on 'keepers

I THINK the most silly law in football is the rule preventing the goalkeeper walking with the ball for more than four steps unless he rolls the ball.

All 'keepers take a lot more than this — some up to ten or twelve steps.

I have played in a Sunday League as a goalkeeper and four steps is clearly not enough. Six or seven would be a better number.

But I also think that if we must have the rule, the referees should make sure that the 'keepers keep to the ruling.

Daniel Curren (12), Old Headington, Oxford

• Yes, this rule definitely needs clarifying. Either the 'keepers are pulled up for more than four steps — or the rule is changed to allow them to move six without bouncing the ball.

TERRACE TALK

SOMETHING to say about the game of soccer — or about something you've read in this magazine? Then this is YOUR page. Write to Terrace Talk,

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Scotland. He has never missed a game for Coventry since his debut against Liverpool in 1976 and even played in goal when Jim Blyth was injured.

Bobby's a great favourite with the Coventry crowd and was voted Coventry's player-of-the-year in 1978-79. So far he's scored 13 goals for Coventry — not bad for a defender!

Glenn Goulding (13), Kenilworth, Warwickshire

Saints' stars aren't too old

I'M sick of all this talk about Southampton's stars being too old. If Boyer and Co. are good enough then they're not too old — age doesn't matter.

On the other hand if a young reserve is good he should replace big money buys who are not playing well.

This has just taken place at West Bromwich Albion with young Remi Moses (pictured)

(right) taking over from the £516,000 David Mills.

Neil Hingley (14), Walsall



Allison can't be sacked

I SUGGEST Malcolm Allison has made himself indispensable at Manchester City. If they sacked him his successor wouldn't know how to sell his players — never mind play them.

Gareth Webb, Bolton, Lancs

'Sin bin' solution

I'VE BEEN watching the Winter Olympics on TV and I've noticed that ice hockey has an excellent punishment for a bad foul. It should be brought into football as it would cut down a lot of fouls.

What happens is that when a player commits a bad foul he has to sit out the game for two minutes.

If in soccer a five-minute penalty was awarded when a player was 'booked' it would make players think twice before committing infringements such as dissent or kicking the ball away.

It would cut down the bookable offences because it could cost a team the game.

Robert Cartwright (16), Warley, West Midlands

Croker idea is excellent

HOW one-eyed of most people to reject Ted Croker's excellent suggestion to streamline the Football League.

The idea is excellent. It would improve our soccer beyond recognition. What's the use of watching Cambridge, for example, in the Second Division in a ground that holds a fifth of the capacity of Old Trafford.

Clubs that put their fans first should prosper in the top two divisions thus lower league clubs would have to improve their facilities to apply for election to the top flight.

Kenneth Greene, Muswell Hill, London

No more pen pals, please!

THANKS very much for printing my ad in 'Match Pals'. The response was enormous — I'm finding it difficult to keep up with it all — but I'd be grateful if no more letters were sent to me now, as I am inundated with replies. I would be grateful if you could print this letter as I don't want to disappoint anyone by not being able to answer all the letters.

Lesley Hardwick, Spreston, Northampton



Terry Butcher
Ipswich Town

OUTRAGED!

WELCOME to Outraged — the weekly column which stems from many of the outraged views we receive each week from MATCH WEEKLY readers — and which, in turn, outrage Match writer, Trevor HAYLETT. Why not outrage him still further — and win £2 in the process — by sending in your controversial and outrageous views to MATCH WEEKLY. And if you want to comment on his comments, go ahead.



Shut up, Docherty

AS A loyal Arsenal fan I'm absolutely outraged at Tommy Docherty's comments in Match Weekly that they're an unattractive side.

They may have had a succession of goalless draws this season but they're fourth in the First Division, in the semi-final of the FA Cup yet again and almost certain to be in the semi-final of the European Cup Winners' Cup.

They also have two top strikers with more than 40 goals between them this season. What more could a fan want from such an 'unattractive side'?

Joy Harrison, Romford, Essex.

• *Tommy never said they weren't successful. To put it bluntly he said they were a bore. And by the way — I happen to agree with him.*

Coleman's not boring!

I DISAGREE with Jason Holway (Terrace Talk — March 15) who said that BBC football commentators were 'so boring'.

David Coleman could probably make tiddlywinks into a national game with his brilliant commentating.

Dave Chapman, Mottram, Tameside.
• *David Coleman and tiddlywinks? Yes I like the sound of that better than David Coleman and football.*

What about Brooking?

I AM fed up with Kevin Keegan getting all the praise all the time. Whenever England have played a match Kevin Keegan always gets the headlines. What about Trevor Brooking — he plays just as well as Kevin Keegan

Lee Wallace (14), Woodford Green, Essex.
• *I'm fed up with people writing in without checking their facts. It's little wonder that Trevor Brooking hasn't got many of the England headlines lately — he hasn't played in the last two games.*

More on mud-throwing

IN REPLY to Simon Altham (Terrace Talk — March 15) I was at the Liverpool match with Ipswich and had a perfect view of the Frans Thijssen 'mud-throwing' incident.

Frans did not put McDermott off his penalty kick — it was firmly struck and Cooper made a brilliant save. The whole situation was over exaggerated and exposed.

Rosemary Steward, Ipswich.
• *In my view not enough was made of this disgraceful incident. The last thing we want to see afflicting our national game is the 'mud-throwing' disease that is apparently common-place abroad. I agree with you, though, that Thijssen is a tremendous player.*

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Young Lions

It'll take a very good side to beat us - Bailey

GOALKEEPER Gary Bailey is a modest young man but even he has to admit: "It's going to take a very good team to beat us."

"You ask me whether England can win the championship and I say why not."

"We are all young, but everyone is so keen to do well and there are so many good players in the squad — we have

four full internationals."

Particularly important, as far as Bailey is concerned, is that he has struck up a good understanding with the young England defenders.

"It is a very good defence. Of course, it can be difficult sometimes because you don't know what to expect but they have my confidence."

The Ipswich pairing of Russell Osman and Terry Butcher appear to have established themselves in the heart of the defence and obviously they know each other's games well. It suits Bailey, too.

"Terry is about the same height as Gordon McQueen at United and Russell plays a similar game to Martin Buchan.

"And I'm used to playing behind an attacking left back like Kenny Sansom with Stewart Houston and Arthur Albiston at United.

"Then in midfield we've got players like Glenn Hoddle and Bryan Robson — both full internationals — and Graham Rix. Up front it's the same — there are so many good players . . . Cyrille Regis, Garth Crooks, Vince Hilaire.

"It's such a skilful squad — and let's not forget the other keepers Chris Woods and John Lukic, who are both doing well.

"The attitude of all the players is tremendous and there is great enthusiasm in the squad.

"From my point of view, the side is good enough not to be too bothered about who we play in the semi-finals."

The England U-21 record

IT IS almost two years since England's Under-21 side lost a game. Here's a full run down of their results since March, 1978. (England goals first in each case)

Date	Opponents	Results	Scorers
Mar 2, 1978	● Yugoslavia	1-1	Sims
Apr 19, 1978	● Yugoslavia	1-2	King
Sep. 19, 1978	● Denmark	2-1	Hoddle, Hazell
Feb 5, 1979	Wales	1-0	Hoddle
June 5, 1979	● Bulgaria	3-1	Reeves (2), Regis
June 9, 1979	Sweden	2-1	Robson, Regis
Sep. 11, 1979	● Denmark	1-0	Reeves
Nov. 21, 1979	● Bulgaria	5-0	Crooks (3), Hilaire, Birtles
Feb. 12, 1980	● Scotland	2-1	Owen, Robson
Mar. 4, 1980	● Scotland	0-0	

(● Indicates European Championship match)



Gary Bailey's marvellous save against Scotland at Aberdeen which helped ensure England a place in the semi-finals.

go for Euro glory

ENGLAND'S young lions meet next weekend to prepare for a vital stage in their bid to become European Under-21 champions.

And on April 16 Sheffield Wednesday's Hillsborough home will pulsate with patriotic fervour as those same young stars go for glory.

That's the date for their first leg semi-final match against either Hungary or East Germany in the European Under-21 Championship.

Here in a special MATCH WEEKLY preview Under-21 boss Dave Sexton talks exclusively about his players, his hopes and his frustrations.

And Gary Bailey one of the stars of that brilliant young England side explains why they have such a good chance of success.

We can go all the way, says Sexton

FIXTURE congestion threatens to rob England Under-21 boss Dave Sexton of three key players for the crucial European Under-21 Championship semi-final first leg later this month.

The trio are Under-21 captain Gary Owen his midfield partner Bryan Robson and striker Cyrille Regis — all from West Brom.

Albion have a re-arranged League fixture against Everton scheduled for the night before the England game and it is not yet known whether they will be released for international duty at a time when every League point is vital at the Hawthorns.

West Brom manager Ron Atkinson had made no decision either way when Match Weekly approached him:

"We always try and be as helpful as we can but we will just have to wait and see," he said.

"Fixture congestion is a continual problem — Gordon Cowans and Graham Rix have already faced it.

"It's a bit frustrating not to be able to pick your best side because that's what you work for all the time.

"Last year we lost nearly all our strikers, but I feel we have enough depth to cope with all the problems and I think we can go all the way."

Looking forward to that crucial first leg of the semi-finals on April 16 Sexton discussed some of the players who may hold the key to glory.

"Obviously we would miss big Cyrille because he is such a strong fella. He strikes awe into defenders.

"But I've been really pleased with Vince Hilaire of Palace.

"Apart from losing Bryan Robson, Billy Wright may be

missing if Everton have an FA Cup replay, but Steve Williams of Southampton may be back by then.

"Steve's had an abdominal strain but he may be fully fit and Peter Reid of Bolton may make it.

"Alan Curbishley of Birmingham has been on the bench for a couple of games and there may be a chance for him.

"I'd like to keep the defence settled — they have a nice understanding now.

"The Ipswich pair of Russell Osman and Terry Butcher are really blossoming, but there may be a chance for Billy Gilbert of Palace he's played well for us.

"Up front, of course, we've still got Kevin Reeves, who is the longest serving member of the squad, and I feel it is a good all round side.

"Ray Ranson of Manchester City and Mark Dennis of Birmingham are both blooded and Chris Woods in goal is, too. Then of course there are players like big Tommy Caton of Manchester City. I think we will be OK."



Full-back Kenny Sansom — may take over the role of captain for the semi-final first leg if Gary Owen is missing.

East Germany or Hungary next?

ENGLAND'S opponents in the semi-finals will be decided next Wednesday (April 19) when Hungary and East Germany play the deciding second-leg of their quarter final match in Jena. The first leg ended

Dave Sexton and coach Terry Venables went out to Budapest for the first leg match on a spying mission.

"East Germany are a strong fit side, but Hungary are probably the more sophisticated team," said Sexton. "But we are not too worried," he added.

Sexton sees the other semi-final being contested by Italy and Yugoslavia.

Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia were scheduled to play the deciding second leg of their quarter final match last night (April 4).

But the other semi-final team won't be finally decided until next Wednesday (April 9) when Italy take on Russia on their home ground in the second leg of their quarter final.

An England-Yugoslavia final would suit Sexton.

"Italy are always a threat, but I would sooner we avoided them. Yugoslavia won the competition last time — they are a very good footballing nation and well organised at a young level.

"Technically they are a very accomplished team. It would be nice to meet them in the final."



Right: England Under-21 and Manchester United manager Dave Sexton.

IT'S QUIZ TIME

HOW'S your soccer knowledge? See how many of these questions you can answer correctly. If you get all 15 right you could be in the running for the Brain of Sport title, which our question compiler, Julian Pincher, held in 1978. Between 3 and 14 correct and you are a pretty knowledgeable fan. Below 8 — keep practising and reading MATCH WEEKLY EVERY WEEK.



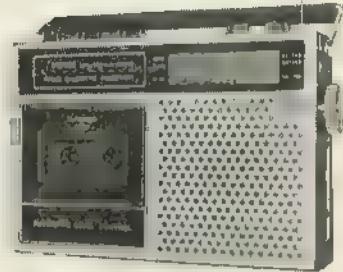
Cologne's Tony Woodcock was put on loan twice when he was with Nottingham Forest. One club was Lincoln and if you know the other one you've got the answer to question number 3.

1. For which Coventry City player did Portland Timbers recently pay a record fee of £365,000?
2. Two Football League clubs play their home games at St. James Park. Newcastle Utd. are one — name the other.
3. During his career at Nottingham Forest Tony Woodcock was twice put

- out on loan to other League clubs. Lincoln were one of them, name the other.
4. Which British club won the 1969 U.E.F.A. Cup?
5. Name the only player to have scored in rounds 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this year's F.A. Cup?
6. Name the first substitute to be used in a Football League match?
7. For which player did Celtic recently pay a club record fee of £275,000?
8. Name the managers of the following League clubs: (a) Bournemouth, (b) Derby County, (c) Dundee.
9. Two sets of brothers were included in the Republic of Ireland's squad for the European Championship match against England. The O'Learys — David and Pierce — were one set, name the others.
10. Name England's first opponents in the 1966 World Cup Finals?
11. Which Norwich City player's only three goals of the 1974/5 season were a hat-trick scored in an away game against Nottingham Forest?
12. Which player has appeared in the most European Cup Finals?
13. Who was recently voted P.F.A. Footballer of the Year for 1980?
14. Who was manager of Ipswich Town when they won the First Division Championship?
15. Which club's previous name was Thames Iron Works?

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Two of Brighton's young stars tell Match Weekly the facts about....

LIFE IN IT



Steve Foster, a £150,000 signing from Portsmouth, says: "There's much more skill in Division One."

How Forest missed out on Peter Ward

THE PETER Ward transfer to Forest that never was goes down as one of the season's biggest mysteries.

Alan Mullery took away the cloak of confusion that surrounded the on-off transfer by explaining what went wrong.

"Nottingham Forest's Peter Taylor rang up and asked if he was available and I told him Ward could go.

"Taylor said they would continue negotiations when they returned from a European game. We agreed a fee on the Thursday.

"On the following Monday I told Ward we had agreed a fee with Forest and as a precaution against injury I didn't play him at Arsenal on the Tuesday.

"Taylor told me he would be down with Clough the following day to talk terms with Ward.

"But they can't have looked at their fixture list because they had a League Cup match with Bristol City that night. At 4.30 in the afternoon there was a knock at the door and in came Peter Ward. He'd been waiting all day at the ground for Clough and Taylor without any sign of them.

"Later, Taylor said they were no longer interested."

MATCH WEEKLY: You've both made exceptional starts to your First Division careers. How does football at this level differ from your experiences in the Fourth with Portsmouth Steve and life in the Second for you Mark.

STEVE FOSTER: It's obviously much more skilful in the First Division. In the Fourth players tend to hump the ball upfield and by-pass the midfield. This gives defenders much more work to do.

MARK LAWRENSON: The First is not as tough as I thought it would be. There's only six or seven top sides — the rest are all on a par. But in every team there's probably nine or ten good players — in the Second Division it only averages six or seven.

MW: It must seem like a dream come true for you Steve — last season in the Fourth Division, now you're battling it out with the likes of Joe Jordan and Andy Gray?

FOSTER: Yes, it's incredible to think that last year was going to places like Crewe and Hartlepool and now here I am at Old Trafford and Anfield.

MW: Alan Mullery's been banging your drum quite loudly just recently Steve, saying you should be in the England squad. What's your reaction to that?

FOSTER: It embarrasses me. The boss's comments are a boost for the ego, but I think they flatter me. I'm just hoping to work my way into the Under-21 squad at the moment.

MW: You played alongside Steve in the early part of the season before your injury Mark. How do

you rate him?

LAWRENSON: I rate him very highly. Frank Stapleton is the only forward who I've seen give him a hard time. Steve just doesn't let people play. He loves the challenge as well: the more difficult the opponent the better he plays.

MW: Have you felt any pain from the injury since returning to the side?

LAWRENSON: No, I haven't felt a thing. I did it at Tottenham. Glenn Hoddle was shielding the ball from me and as he jinked from side to side my studs caught in the ground and all my body went over on my right ankle.

Delighted

All the ankle ligaments got detached from the bone. I was out for ten weeks which was good considering the extent of the injury but going in the sea twice a day helped it heal. But I was lost during this time. I just didn't know what to do — only my dog kept me sane.

MW: And when you came back into the side it was in the strange position of midfield. How did that come about?

LAWRENSON: I played in the Reserves at Brentford on the Thursday and even though I was nowhere near fit the boss asked me to play at Nottingham Forest in midfield. I was delighted just to help the team out.

It's only a short stay though. The boss has told me that before

Mark's my best ever signing

ALAN Mullery took another sandwich out of the lunch box on his desk as he contemplated losing one of the most skilful midfield players in the country — in exchange for probably the best number six in the business.

Mullery said: "After seeing Mark Lawrenson play alongside David O'Leary for Eire I'm excited at the prospect of linking Mark with Steve Foster.

"Mark has done a tremendous job for us in midfield but I think the novelty is wearing off. Eventually he will resume in the back-four — I just hope Peter Suddaby keeps playing well enough to delay the switch.

"Lawrenson has so much ability. Typical of the lad was his eagerness to be our substitute goalkeeper if anything went wrong on the field.

"It was just after the Glenn

Hoddle incident at Old Trafford when he took over from the injured Alekic and I made a point of asking the lads who would take over if something happened to Graham Moseley.

"Mark said he would go in goal and I had no hesitation in agreeing. This is the sort of boy he is — you trust him to do any job for you.

"He ranks as our outstanding signing. People said I was mad to buy someone with just a year's experience in the Second Division, but we got him for £100,000 spread over three

country who we could bring on to do a good job for Brighton.

"There was a mention of Foster, the lad Roger Brown, who eventually went to Norwich and later to Fulham, and someone else, but I told everyone to put their choice down on a piece of paper.

"As it happened six of the eight there went for Steve Foster. Our first bid of £100,000 was turned down, but we eventually got him for £150,000.

"I rate him the most outstanding young centre-half in the country."

Mullery has surprised himself at his track-record in the transfer market since taking over at the Goldstone Ground. The snip of the season must be Peter Suddaby who he got on a free transfer from Blackpool Reserves and converted into a useful First Division defender.

"Peter has played so

The Best

"There's a nice story attached to the Steve Foster signing. At the end of last season I got all our coaching staff and scouts in to name the best young centre-half in the

THE FIRST DIVISION

by Trevor Maylock

A MULTI-MILLION pound package deal that will airlift Brighton into the Eighties in style was announced by the progressive First Division babes two weeks ago.

The plans which include building a new stand behind each goal and sponsorship by British Caledonian Airways — see story page 5 — would not have been so extensive if Albion weren't assured of their future in the First Division.

But after an appalling start Brighton have gone from strength to strength. Match Weekly talked to Mark Lawrenson and Steve Foster, two of their younger stars who helped keep them on the First Division map, and asked Alan Mullery why he was so pleased to fit them into a Brighton shirt.

long I'll be back in defence.

MW: You've also changed your position on the field Steve — but in your case it seems that it's furthered your career.

FOSTER: Yes, Ian St John bought me from Portsmouth from Southampton as a centre-forward and I stayed there until I was dropped.

The Reserves had one or two injuries in defence and I lined up at centre-half. I played there three times and returned to the first team in that position. I've never looked back.

MW: Is it easier playing at the back?

FOSTER: Yes, it's easier when all the play is coming your way. I don't think I had what it took to be a centre-forward. I've not got the skill to take players on around a crowded penalty box.

I've got a lot to thank Frank Burrows for for my present success. When he took over at Portsmouth he calmed me down. Before I used to kick everything that moved and would regularly clock up 39 penalty points a

season.

MW: Everything was looking so bad for Brighton in the early part of the season but since that victory at Nottingham Forest relegation has hardly been mentioned.

What was the reason for the change in fortunes and how do you see things going next season?

LAWRENSON: Obviously it was great to win at Forest but I think wherever we'd have gone and won would have been the turning point. It was just so vital for us to get a win.

But the lads never got despondent. Our dressing room spirit never changed. We've always been a happy set of lads, taking the mickey out of each other and things like that.

It was no different when we faced Forest but the win must have been the turning point because I can't single out anything else.

FOSTER: Our experiences this season will stand us in good stead for next term.

g-Mullery

outstandingly well that I still can't believe we got him for nothing," he said.

"I enquired for him 18 months ago but he was not available. Bob Stokoe came on out of the blue after he parted from Blackpool and told me Suddaby was in the Reserves.

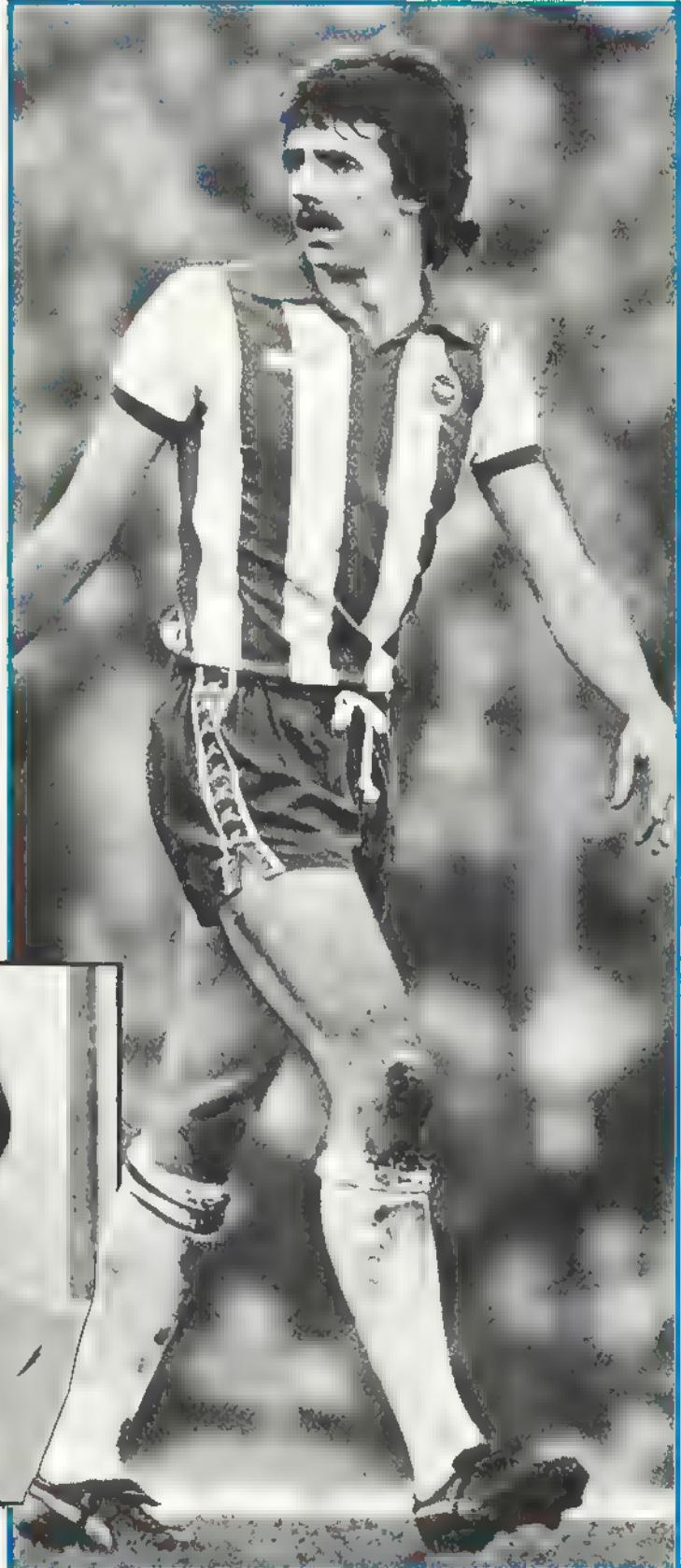
"I moved in straight away. I remembered him as a hard player but one who had a lovely attitude to winning."

Not surprisingly with Mullery's success in the transfer market he won't hesitate to take the plunge again when the right man is available.

"We've got to look for another midfield player and a good quality forward. We only lost three of the 19 games after winning at Forest, but with a couple of better players, we can make a stronger impact next season."



Alan Mullery: "Mark has done a tremendous job for us in midfield... he has so much ability"



Brighton bargain buy Mark Lawrenson — "Division One's not as tough as I thought it would be."

THE B



UNDER the glare of TV cameras, Keegan and Woodcock discuss the game . . . in German.

BELOW. What do you think of it so far? Keegan discusses a point with Woodcock as they walk out for the second half.



IN GERMANY they billed it 'Match of the Season' . . . Cologne v Hamburg . . . Woodcock v Keegan.

And the Bundesliga's two adopted sons from England lived up to their starring roles in this thrill a minute top of the table clash.

Yet it was a confrontation which almost didn't materialise. Cologne fans had waited with bated breath on reports that Woodcock was suffering from a heavy cold, while Keegan had been desperately trying to shake off the effects of an ear infection.

But come the big day, the 61,000 fans packed into the Mungersdorf Stadium stood as one in a crescendo of cheers and cow bells as the England internationals strode out with their team-mates.

Before clinching both points with a last minute goal when Schumacher punched out a Cullmann free-kick to Hrubesch,

Hamburg had surrendered a two goal lead by Buljan (11) and Jakobs (64) and missed a penalty when Keegan was tripped shortly before half time.

Woodcock played a key role in Cologne's fight back after Schuster had signalled a dramatic revival in the 75th minute. The ex-Forest player crowned a busy afternoon, cutting back a sharp cross for the lively Littbarski to score, but it was not enough . . . and Hamburg ran out 3-2 winners.

"We should have closed it up at 2-2," Woodcock told Keegan afterwards. "Look, I have told you Woody. They don't close the game up over here," Keegan retorted. "That's the big difference."

By completing the double over Cologne, Hamburg took over their second spot in the table, but are still two points behind Bayern Munich with a game in hand.



Tony Woodcock powers forward on the attack for Cologne.

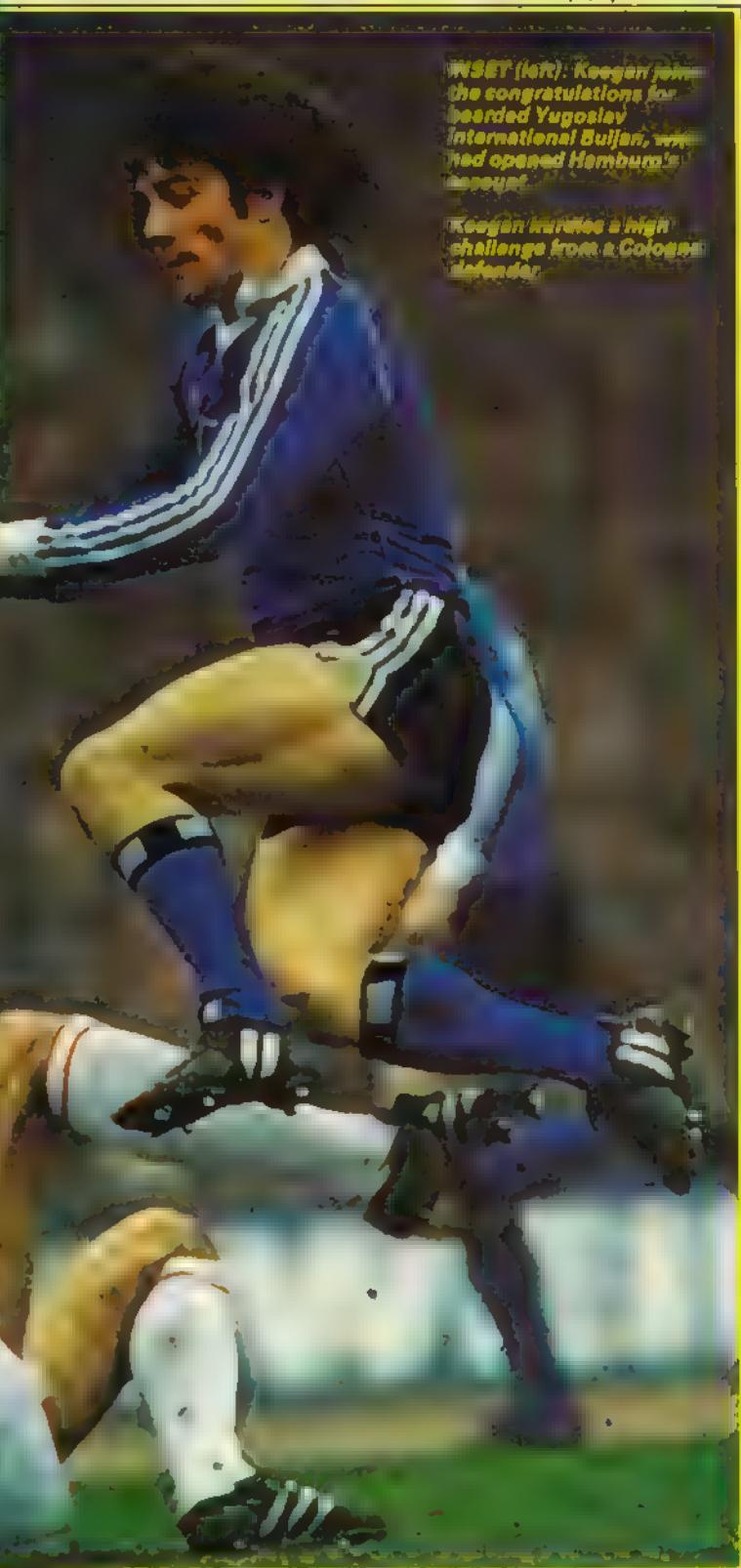
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WOODCOCK
versus
KEEGAN



INSET (left): Keegan joins the congratulations for bearded Yugoslav International Buljan, who opened Hamburg's scoring.

Keegan battles a high challenge from a Cologne defender.





RACE IS ON FOR EUROPE

SCOTLAND'S Premier League is all set to finish with a bang as five clubs battle it out for a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

With Celtic virtually assured of the title and another go at the Champions Cup and Dundee United already taking one UEFA Cup place — thanks to their League Cup triumph — there are two remaining places up for grabs.

Morton . . . Aberdeen . . . St Mirren . . . Kilmarnock or Rangers — it could be any one from five to pick up a UEFA passport to Europe with the Dons or Rangers having a chance of getting a place in the Cup Winners Cup by virtue of

Five clubs in battle for U.E.F.A. Cup place

reaching the Scottish Cup final.

"Right now every point and indeed every goal counts," says St Mirren manager Jim Clunie, who is keen to lead his attractive young side into Europe for the very first time.

"It certainly makes things interesting for fans and gives an even keener edge to the ferocious competition in the Premier League."

Saints in fact are favourites to get there, although Morton, inspired by Andy Ritchie, keep

picking up the points required to hold their second place behind league leaders Celtic.

Apart from the prestige of playing in Europe the financial rewards are high.

Celtic, for instance, are reckoned to have taken over £250,000 from their three home matches against Partizan Tirane, Dundalk and Real Madrid — enough to cover the fee they paid Liverpool for striker Frank McGarvey.



THE Scottish League celebrated their first appearance in Northern Ireland for 10 years with an emphatic 4-2 win over the Irish League at Windsor Park Belfast . . . but only 3,000 turned up to see the resurrected confrontation.

Hibs' Jackie McNamara put the Scots ahead before Gerry Mullan (Ballymena) levelled the scores before half-time. However, Doug Somner (St Mirren), Andy Ritchie (Morton) and Jim Melrose (Partick) put the result beyond doubt before substitute Colin McCurdie (Linfield) grabbed a late consolation.

The previous night the Scots had gone down 2-1 to League of Ireland (Eire) in Dublin.

Our picture shows Partick's McKinnon, failing to prevent Gerry Mullan grabbing Ireland's first half equaliser, as Fulton (St Mirren) and McQuiston move in.



Tony Higgins — signed by Thistle manager Bertie Auld for £25,000.

New faces cost Auld £55,000

PARTICK Thistle manager Bertie Auld got his man — at last — when he signed Airdrie full back John Lapsley for a fee of £30,000.

Lapsley had been a Jags' target for some time and Auld had failed in previous bids. Another new face at Fir Hill is former Hibs forward Tony Higgins, who has signed for £25,000.

Thistle's activity on the transfer front can be traced to the fact that top players Jim Melrose, Colin McAdarn, Donald Park and Brian Whittaker have all given notice they intend to move on under freedom of contract next season.



HEARTS new manager Bobby Moncur has laid down two rules for his players with fines for anyone who steps out of line. They are:

- 1. Never argue with the referee . . . "A ref never changes his mind because a player called him an idiot," said Moncur.
- 2. Always be tidy off the field as well as on it . . . "Tidiness means self discipline as far as I'm concerned," he added.

First signing by the new Tynecastle boss came when he bought forward Archie White from Oxford United for £25,000.

ALL STAR TURN—OUT FOR SIMPSON

BIG NAME stars like Everton goalkeeper George Wood, Coventry defender Gary Gillespie, Stuart Kennedy, of Aberdeen, and Sandy Jardine, of Rangers, all turned out for the testimonial match for East Stirling's long serving defender Gordon Simpson.

In his 12 years with the Firs Park club Simpson has made over 400 first team appearances and is a key player in their drive to get promotion to the First Division.

Well known players like Wood, Gillespie and Kennedy were only too happy to give their services. They all started their careers in the Falkirk area.

DESPITE their position at the foot of the

Scottish Premier League, Hibs are keen to have a crack at Spanish champions Real Madrid.

Hibs beat Real 2-0 when the Spaniards visited Easter Road in 1964 and since then Real have side-stepped moves for a return fixture.

Hibs chairman Tom Hart was in touch with the Spaniards when they played Celtic in Glasgow in the European Cup quarter final first leg.



RESERVE team football was just not good enough for St Mirren striker Bobby Torrance and that's why he readily agreed to join Hibs when the Edinburgh side came along with a £30,000 bid.

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Leading scorers and tables

(Including League, League Cup and FA Cup)

DIVISION ONE
 22 — Johnson (Liverpool),
 Hoddle (Spurs)
 21 — Stapleton (Arsenal), Boyer
 (Southampton)
 20 — Sunderland (Arsenal)
 18 — Biley (Derby, 12 for Camb
 Utd), Dalglish (Liverpool)
 17 — Mariner (Ipswich)

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Liverpool	34	12	5	0	37	8	9	3	5	32	19	50
Man. Utd.	34	13	3	1	33	8	7	5	17	22	46	
Ipswich	35	11	4	3	35	11	6	4	7	21	24	42
Arsenal	33	8	7	2	22	10	7	5	21	14	42	
Sunderland	35	12	2	3	44	17	3	6	9	25	38	
Wolves	32	7	6	8	20	12	9	3	7	24	22	38
Middlesb.	32	9	6	8	24	12	8	4	7	14	17	38
A. Villa	35	5	3	5	25	20	4	7	5	17	20	38
Not'tham F.	34	11	4	1	34	17	4	2	11	16	26	36
C. Palace	35	8	7	3	24	12	3	7	7	13	26	36
West Brom.	35	8	6	3	34	22	8	8	16	26	34	
Tottenham	34	10	3	3	26	18	3	5	10	19	34	34
Leeds	35	7	6	4	23	17	3	7	8	15	27	33
Coventry	34	10	3	5	25	19	3	4	10	18	35	32
Norwich	35	7	8	2	30	24	2	6	15	18	28	32
Sloane	34	8	6	8	25	22	3	8	8	15	28	31
Brighton	35	8	7	4	20	18	3	8	8	21	32	31
Everton	35	3	6	8	23	24	2	8	7	14	21	28
Man. City	35	8	6	8	21	21	3	4	11	12	37	28
Derby	35	6	4	8	28	28	2	4	11	8	28	24
Bristol C.	34	4	5	8	15	25	2	8	9	11	26	23
Bolton	34	4	8	4	13	14	0	4	17	14	20	20
Charlton	34	6	5	6	21	22	0	3	14	12	40	20

Player ratings

- 10 — Out of this world
- 9 — Outstanding
- 8 — Excellent
- 7 — Good
- 6 — Adequate
- 5 — Off form
- 4 — Poor

Match rating

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Wednesday, March 19

UEFA Cup

Quarter-final, Second leg

BAYERN MUNICH (W Germany) (1) 4 (Hoeneß 2, Janzon, Breitner)

FC KAISERSLAUTERN (W. Germany) (1) 1 (Wendt)

Att 35,000

Bayern won 4-2 on aggregate

BOURSSIA

MOENCHENGLADBACH (W. Germany) (2) 2 (Tychosen, Hannes)

ST ETIENNE (France) (0) 0

Att 30,000

Borussia won 6-1 on aggregate

LOKOMOTIV SOFIA (Bulgaria) (0) 0

VFB STUTTGART (W. Germany) (1) 1 (Holicher)

Att 30,000

Stuttgart won 4-1 on aggregate

ZBROJOEKA BRNO (Czech) (1) 3

(Horný, Kptasek, Kpenec)

EINTRACHT FRANKFURT (W. Germany) (1) 2 (Karger, Newberger)

Att 40,000

Eintracht won 6-4 on aggregate

DIVISION TWO

- 25 — Allen (OPR)
- 22 — Moss (Luton)
- 18 — Shoulder (Newcastle), McNeil (Wrexham)
- 17 — Robson (Sunderland), Cross (West Ham)

DIVISION THREE

- 26 — Mayes (Swindon)
- 22 — Rowland (Swindon)

DIVISION FOUR

- 21 — Austin (Mansfield), Curran (Sheff Wed)
- 19 — Glavin (Barnsley), Lyons (Millwall)

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exclusive star ratings for
EVERY PLAYER

DIVISION THREE

DIVISION FOUR

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Walsall	29	10	8	1	35	17	11	7	2	30	19	57
Hudds.	31	12	6	2	47	13	5	7	5	32	27	51
B. Barnsley	38	10	4	5	39	19	8	9	2	33	23	49
Portsmouth	37	10	3	3	26	11	9	4	2	20	16	48
Bradford	31	11	5	3	36	13	8	6	5	30	34	48
Peterboro	31	12	2	5	35	20	7	6	18	18	47	
Lincoln	31	12	7	1	37	11	3	8	10	16	28	43
Exeter	30	11	5	3	31	21	5	4	10	22	39	41
Carlisle	34	11	5	3	38	20	4	5	10	17	26	40
Millwall	38	13	4	3	45	21	2	5	11	20	30	39
Chester	37	11	5	2	23	13	3	6	10	20	32	39
Swindon	37	12	3	2	37	13	3	8	13	37	38	
G. Ilionham	38	8	8	2	24	13	5	4	10	21	29	38
Rotherham	37	11	5	3	32	20	4	6	10	17	35	37
Oxford	39	8	4	7	33	21	3	8	9	13	31	35
Plymouth	38	11	6	3	33	16	2	4	13	19	38	35
Barnsley	37	6	8	2	22	18	4	5	11	31	35	31
Brentford	39	8	6	5	30	23	4	4	12	24	44	33
Mansfield	38	8	8	2	27	16	1	6	13	28	31	
Southend	38	8	8	2	28	21	3	3	12	12	28	31
Hull	27	7	7	2	22	18	1	1	10	16	30	31
Blackpool	38	9	4	5	35	31	2	4	13	17	37	30
Bury	37	8	8	2	27	21	4	2	12	11	31	29
Wimbledon	38	4	6	9	24	28	1	1	11	15	35	27

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Ardrie	34	12	3	0	41	18	7	8	7	24	22	46
Hearts	36	12	3	0	29	14	4	2	19	19	42	
Ayr	33	10	4	4	30	20	4	7	4	24	27	38
Motherwell	34	8	6	4	26	16	0	4	7	24	27	38
Dumbarton	34	8	4	5	26	20	0	5	9	28	26	35
Raih	34	7	7	0	28	22	4	5	9	19	34	
Clydebank	33	8	8	1	28	14	0	5	10	25	33	33
Strirng	32	7	4	4	22	21	1	4	7	16	33	
Hamilton	34	8	6	3	32	20	5	4	10	19	35	33
St. Johnstone	32	9	2	3	22	24	7	2	25	33	39	
Dundee	33	7	7	0	26	21	3	4	8	14	28	29
Berwick	35	7	7	0	32	25	3	4	8	18	30	27
Arbroath	35	5	5	6	24	20	2	5	12	19	42	42
Clyde	32	2	8	9	18	28	1	7	9	17	31	18

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Falkirk	33	9	5	2	30	10	7	4	6	25	22	41
E. Stirling	33	7	2	6	20	18	11	2	4	2	25	17
Forfar	34	8	5	5	33	26	8	1	2	23	21	38
Sten's schuls	33	9	1	1	29	19	7	5	7	22	28	38
Queens Park	34	6	4	5	31	18	6	4	7	22	23	35
Montrose	34	7	5	3	30	20	0	5	5	21	21	35
Albion	32	10	3	3	35	16	8	7	2	21	31	35
Cowdenbeath	32	8	4	2	27	17	4	4	8	16	26	34
Brechin	30	8	2	5	27	21	2	4	7	21	31	30
East Fife	35	7	6	5	22	21	2	3	11	19	31	29
H. of St. I.	34	5	6	22	26	25	3	10	21	36	28	
Allo	34	8	3	6	31	28	3	2	12	31	27	
Meadowbank	32	7	1	10	16	23	4	6	6	20	30	27
Stranraer	32	4	3	8	16	24	4	3	10	19	34	22

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Ps
Barnsley	Pierce 7, Cooper 6, Chambers 6, ★GLAVIN 8, Hunter 6, McCarthy 7, Evans 7, Parker 7, Aylott 7, Lester 7, Downes 6											
Sheff Utd	Poole 7, Cutbush 6, Garner 6, Tibbett 7, ★McPHAIL 8, Jones 6, Casey 6, Verde 7, Brown 6, Sabella 6, Charles 6											
St. Mirren	Turner 6, ★STIRK 8, O'Neill 6, Ridley 7, Tatt 6, Bonnyman 6, Birch 7, Moss 6, Kowalski 7, Salmon 6, Crawford 6											
St. Johnstone	Logan 6 (sub Curran), Referee J. Bray (Leicester)											
Dundee	Match Rating ★★★★											

CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Birch 67, Bonnyman 74)

SWINDON (1) 1 (Tartt, og 32)

Att 8,101

Chesterfield: Turner 6, ★STIRK 8,

O'Neill 6, Ridley 7, Tatt 6, Bonnyman 6, Birch 7, Moss 6, Kowalski 7, Salmon 6, Crawford 6

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Division Four

BOURNEMOUTH (2) 3 (Massey 25, 69, Butler 6)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 3 (Pilling 73, 76, Stewart 81)
Att 2,675
Bournemouth: Smeulders 6, Cunningham 7, Ferns 7, Impay 7, Townsend 7, Borthwick 7, Chambers 7, Holder 7, Butler 7, **MASSEY** 8, Brown 7
Scunthorpe: Gordon 6, Davy 7, Peacock 6, Cavanagh 7, Dall 7, Oates 7, Pugh 6 (sub Botham 6), Cammack 7, **PILLING** 8, Partridge 7, Stewart 7
Referee: L. Shapter (Newton Abbott)
Match Rating: ★★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
HEREFORD (0) 0
Att 1,214
Tranmere: Johnson 7, Parry 7, Flood 6 Williams 7, Edwards 5, **MUNGALL** 8, O'Neil 5, Mathias 6, Kerr 5 (sub Lumby 5), Beamish 6, Peplow 6
Hereford: Hughes 7, **PRICE** 8, Burrows 6, Spring 6, Cornes 5, Harvey 5, Cunningham 6, Gilchrist 6, Binney 7, McGrellis 6, Bartley 7
Referee: C. M. Seal (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★★

SCOTTISH Premier Division

HIBERNIAN (2) 2 (Best 24, Murray 40)
DUNDEE (0) 0
Att 5,019
Hibs: McArthur 5, Brazil 5, Duncan 6, Tinney 6, Rae 6, McNamara 7, Murray 7, Cormack 6, Torrance 6 (sub Hutchinson 5), Campbell 5, **BEST** 9.
Dundee: Donaldson 6, Barr 5, Schaefer 6, McLaren 6, McGeachie 6, Shirra 6, Mackie 6, Millar 6, Fleming 5, Sinclair 6, Corrigan 5 (sub **MURPHY** 7)
Referee: T. Kellock (East Kilbride)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH Division One

AYR (0) 1 (Christie 75)
BERWICK (0) 0
Att 1,717

CLYDEBANK (0) 1 (Colgan 89)
RAITH (0) 0
Att 300

DUMBARTON (0) 2 (McCluskey, pen 51, Sharp 87)
ARBROATH (1) 3 (Wells 26, Harley 46, Gavine 47)
Att 250

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
HEARTS (2) 3 (Gibson 10, Fraser 44, Shaw 62)
Att 4,500

HAMILTON (0) 1 (McDowell 60)
AIRDRIE (0) 3 (Clark 52, Hamilton, pen 54, Russell 88)
Att 3,500

Division Two

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Tommy Steele 17, Billy Steele 84)
STRANRAER (0) 0
Att 420

EAST FIFE (0) 1 (Wetherburn 75)
STENHOUSEMUIR (1) 3 (Jenkins 2, Jack 60, Hancock 86)
Att 380

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 0
FALKIRK (0) 2 (Leeton 50, 66)
Att 750

Wednesday, March 26

World Cup Qualifying Group 2

CYPRUS (1) 2 (Panziaros 27, Kaisafas, pen 74)
REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (3) 3 (McGee 8, 37, Lawrenson 23)
Att 10,000
Cyprus: Fanos, Patacostas, Ertos, Papadopoulos, Stefanos, Panziaros, Filitos (sub Tsingis), Mavronidis, Kaisafas, Kissouris, Kanaris (sub Theophanous)
Republic of Ireland: Peyton, Greash, O'Leary, D, Lawrenson, Grimes, Daly, Brady, Murphy (sub O'Brien, F), McGee, Stapleton, He ghwai (sub Ryan).

Group Six

ISRAEL (0) 0
NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 0
Att 45,000
Israel: Haviv 7, Mahness, G 8, Shum 7, Bar 6, Cohen, A 6, **TURK** 9, Spiegel 7, Cohen, Y 7, Garani 6 (sub Mahness, O 7), Demti 8, Peretz 7
Northern Ireland: **JENNINGS** 9, Nicholl, J 8, Nelson 8, Nicholl, C 8, O'Neill, J 8, O'Neill, M 5, McIlroy 6, Cassidy 6, Finney 5 (sub Spence 6), Armstrong 7, Cochrane 5
Referee: S. Galicna (Yugoslavia)
Match Rating: ★★★

Friendly International

SPAIN (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 2 (Woodcock 18, Francis 65)
Att 25,000
Spain: **ARCONADA** 8, Urquiza 6, Miquel 5, Gordillo 5, Alexando 6 (sub Olmo 6), Guisasola 7, Dani 7, Saura 6 (sub Diego 6), Satrustegui 7, Una 6, Juanito 6 (sub Carrasco 8).
England: Shilton 8, Neal 7 (sub Hughes), Mills 7, Thompson 7, Watson 7, Wilkins 8, Keegan 8, **COPPELL** 9, Francis 8 (sub Cunningham), Kennedy, R 7, Woodcock 11
Referee: V. Roth (West Germany)
Match Rating: ★★★★

European Championship — Group II

SCOTLAND (2) 4 (Dalglish 7, Gray 26, Archibald 69, Gemmill, pen 84)
PORTUGAL (0) 1 (Gomes 75)
Att 20,233
Scotland: Rough 7, Burley 7, McGrain 6, Narey 6, McLeish 6, Hansen 6, Dalglish 6 (sub Archibald 6), Souness 5, Gray 7, **GEMMILL** 8, Robertson 6 (sub Provan 6).
Portugal: Bento 6, Teixeira 5, Humberto 6, Simoes 6, Alberto 6, Eurico 5 (sub Sheu 6), Nene 5, Costa 6, **GOMES** 7, Frasco 6 (sub Manuel 5), Jordao 6
Referee: R. Wurtz (France)
Match Rating: ★★★

Final Group 2 Table							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	8	4	4	0	12	5	12
Austria	8	4	3	1	14	7	11
Portugal	8	4	1	3	10	11	9
Scot and	8	3	1	4	15	13	7
Norway	8	0	1	7	5	20	1

'B' International Friendly

ENGLAND 'B' (0) 1 (Osman 82)
SPAIN 'B' (0) 0
Att 14,807

England 'B': Corrigan 7, Anderson 7, Kennedy, A 7, Devonshire 7, Osman 8, Elliott 8, Sunderland 7, **ROBSON** 9, Manner 7, Birtles 7, Armstrong 7
Spain 'B': Agustin 8, Aracil 6, Quiquel 6, Joaquin 8, **ANDRES** 9, Cortes 7, Marcos 6 (sub Ringon 7), David 8, Montero 8, Victor 7, Rubio 7
Referee: J. Kjell (Denmark)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division One

ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Cowans, pen 71, Hopkins 83)
NORWICH (0) 0
Att 17,596
Aston Villa: Rimmer 6, **LINTON** 8 (sub Hopkins), Gibson 7, Ormsby 7, McNaught 6, Heard 7, Bremner 7, Swain 7, Evans 8, Cowans 7, Morley 6
Norwich: Hansbury 6, Bond 6, Downes 5, Nightingale 6 (sub Paddon 6), Jones 5, Hoadley 6, Woods 6, **FASHANU** 7, Taylor 6, Robson 6, Peters 6
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

CHESTER (1) 1 (Phillips, R 35)
EXETER (1) 3 (Kellow, pen 37, Pratt 73, 90)
Att 2,887
Chester: Lloyd 6, Raynor 6, Walker 6, **STORTON** 7, Cottam 5, Jeffries 6, Sutcliffe 6, Jones 5, Rush 6, Phillips, T 6, Phillips, R 6
Exeter: Main 6, Mitchell 6, Hatch 7, Hore 6, Giles 6, Roberts, P 7, **PRATT** 8, Rogers 7, Ke low 7, Delve 6, Pullar 7
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★

READING (0) 2 (Bowman, pen 62, Williams 73)
OXFORD (0) 0
Att 6,678
Reading: Death 6, Joslyn 5, Moreline 6, **BOWMAN** 7, Hetzke 6, Shipperley 4, Earles 5, Williams 5, Heale 5, Sanchez 5, Wanklyn 4 (sub Kearney 6)
Oxford: Burton 6, Kingston 4, Fogg 6, Briggs 5, **COOKE** 7, McIntosh 6, McGrogan 6 (sub Graydon), Taylor 5, Berry 5, O'Dowd 5, Hodgson 5
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gorleston-on-Sea)
Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Kingston (Oxford)

Division Four

WIGAN (3) 3 (Shearer 14, 19, 22)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Beech 24)
Att 4,954
Wigan: Brown 7, Fretwell 8, Whittle 7, Gore 6, Methven 7, Dawds 6, Corrigan 7, Wright 7, Houghton 6, **SHEARER** 9, Urquhart 7
Port Vale: **DANCE** 8, Keenan 6, Griffiths 6, Elsby 7, Harwood 6, Sproson 6, Beech 7, Chamberlain, N 7, Fleming 5 (sub Chamberlain, M 7), Sealy 6, Bentley 5
Referee: J. Courtney (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SCOTTISH

Division Two

ALLOA (1) 2 (Holt 33, 62)
EAST STIRLING (1) 3 (Robinson 24, Grant 51, Gourlay 78)
Att 300

BRECHIN (0) 0
FORFAR (0) 1 (Gallagher 76)
Att 948

Friday, March 28

Division One

EVERTON (0) 0
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Gatting 62)
Att 28,185
Everton: Hodge 7, Bailey 7, Gidman 8, Wright 8, Lyons 6, King 5, Megson 6 (sub Ross 6), **HARTFORD** 9, Latchford 4, McBride 5, Eastoe 6, Arsenal: Barron 5, Nelson 6, Rice 6, O'Leary 7, Young 7, **PRICE** 8, Gatting 7, Rix 7, Talbot 8, Vaessen 6, Sunderland 7
Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

FULHAM (0) 0
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Kowenick 43)
Att 5,855
Fulham: Peyton 6, Money 6, Strong 6, Lock 6, Banton 6, Gale 6, **GAYLE** 7, Beck 6, Davies 6, Maybank 5, Lewington 6, Oldham: McDonnell 6, Wood 6, Holt 6, Kowenick 6, Clements 6, Hurst 6, Hilton 6, Wyld 6, Steele 6, **STAINROD** 7, Atkinson 6, Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★

Saturday, March 29

Division One

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Williams 87)
NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 0
Att 25,128
Brighton: Moseley 7, Gregory 6, Williams 7, Horton 8, Foster 8, Ryan 6, McNab 7, Ward 7, Clarke 6, **LAWRENSON** 9, O'Sullivan 7 (sub Stevens).

Notts Forest: **SHILTON** 8, Anderson 7, Gray 6, McGovern 7, Lloyd 7, Burns 6, O Neill 7, Bowes 7, Birtles 6, Francis 7, Robertson 7
Referee: R. Robinson (Woodbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRISTOL CITY v **MIDDLESBROUGH** — Match Postponed

COVENTRY (0) 1 (English 55)
WOLVES (2) 3 (Atkinson 12, Richards 27, 72)
Att 19,507
Coventry: Blythe 6, Coop 6, McDonald 7, Hutchison 8, **DYSON** 8, Gillespie 7, Van Gool 6, English 6, Thompson 6, Hunt 6, Bannister 6, Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 7, Parkin 7, Atkinson 7, Hughes 7, Berry 7, Brazier 7, **CARR** 9, Gray 7, Richards 8, Eves 7
Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
MANCHESTER UNITED (2) 2 (Jordan 30, Thomas 81)
Att 33,003
Crystal Palace: Fry 6, **HINSHELWOOD** 8, Sansom 6, Nicholas 7, Cannon 6, Gilbert 6, Fenwick 5, Francis 7, Walsh 6, Flanagan 6, Hilaire 7
Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 6, Albiston 6, McIlroy 7, McQueen 7, **BUCHAN** 8, Coppell 7, Wilkins 6, Jordan 7, Macari 6, Thomas 7
Referee: L. Shapter (Newton Abbott)
Match Rating: ★★★

IPSWICH (0) 1 (Gates 84)
DERBY (0) 1 (Swindlehurst 60)
Att 19,718
Ipswich: **COOPER** 9, Burley 7, Mills 7, Osborne 6 (sub Callaghan 6), Osman 7, Beattie 7,

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Wark 6, Muhren 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 5, Gates 6
Derby McKellar 7, Langan 7, Buckley 7, Powell 8, 7, McFarland 7, Osgood 7, Daly 7, ★POWELL 5 8, Biley 7, Swindleshurst 7, Emson 6 (sub McCaffery 6)
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★

MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2 (Tuart 9, 47)
BOLTON (0) 2 (Whatmore 48, Reid, pen 89)
 Att 33,500
Man City: Corrigan 7, Ranson 6, Reid 6, Booth 6, Cation 6, Power 6, Henry 5, Daley 6, Reeves 6, ★TUART 8, Palmer 5
Bolton: McDonagh 7, Clement 5, Nicholson 5, Cantello 7, Jones 6 (sub Bennett), Welsh 6, Nowak 6, Whatmore 7, ★CARTER 8, Wilson 6, Reid, P 7
Referee: A. Sevill (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 2 (Nicholl 72, Baker 81)
NORWICH (0) 0
 Att 21,891
Southampton: Katalinic 7, Golac 7, Andruszewski 7, Baker 7, Watson 6, Nicholl 7, ★WILLIAMS 8, Boyer 6, Channon 7, Holmes 6, George 6
Norwich: ★HANSBURY 8, Bond 7, Downs 7, McGuire 6, Mendham 7, Jones 7, Woods 6, Robson 6, Taylor 6, Paddon 7, Peters 7
Referee: K. Baker (Rugby)
Match Rating: ★★★

STOKE (1) 2 (Evans, pen 20, Chapman 63)
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
 Att 16 234
Stoke: Fox 7, Evans 7, Johnson 7, Heath 6 (sub Bracewell 7), Doyle 8, Dodd 8, O'Callaghan 7, Richardson 7, ★CHAPMAN 9, Crooks 6, Cook 8
Aston Villa: ★RIMMER 8, Linton 7, Gibson 6, Ormsby 6, McNaught 7, Heard 6, Bremner 7, Swain 6, Evans 6, Cowans 6, Morley 6 (sub Hopkins 7)
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Hoddle, pen 36, Pratt 65)
LIVERPOOL (0) 0
 Att 32,114
Spurs: Daines 7, Naylor 7, Hughton 7, Yorath 7, McAllister 7, ★PERRYMAN 8, Ardiles 7, Jones 7, Pratt 6, Hoddle 7, Taylor 7 (sub Armstrong)
Liverpool: Clements 6, Neal 7, Kennedy, A 8, Thompson 7, Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 7, Dalglish 7, Case 7, Johnson 6, McDermott 8, Souness 6
Referee: T. Spencer (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★★

WBA (2) 2 (Barnes, pen 21, Deehan 35)
LEEDS (1) 1 (Chandler 22)
 Att 18,898
WBA: Godden 6, Batson 7, Cowdrill 7 ★MOSES 8, Wile 6, Robertson 6, Robson 7 (sub Monaghan), Deehan 6, Regis 6, Owen 6, Barnes 6
Leeds: Lukic 6, Hird 7, Parkinson 5 (sub Greenhoff 6), Flynn 6, Hart 6, Madeley 6, ★GRAY 8, Cherry 6, Chandler 6, Parlante 5, Graham 6
Referee: J. Sewell (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Bertschin 16, Gemmill, pen 63)
WATFORD (0) 0
 Att 16 582
Birmingham: Wealands 6, Broadhurst 7, Dennis 6, Curbishley 6

★GALLAGHER 8, Todd 6, Ainscow 5, Worthington 5, Gemmill 7, Dillon 5, Bertschin 6 (sub Evans 5)
Watford: Steele 7, Henderson 6, Harrison 6, Patching 7, ★SIMS 8, Bolton 7, Booth 6, Birsett 5, Jenkins 4 (sub Poskett 5), Train 7, Rostron 6
Referee: C. Thomas (Portsmouth)
Match Rating: ★★

CHARLTON (0) 1 (Tydeman 46)
CHELSEA (1) 2 (Britton 26, Langley 83)
 Att 16,425
Charlton: Johns 6, Hazell 5, Walker, P 6, Tydeman 5, Berry 5, Madden 6, Shaw 5, Hales, D 6, Robinson 5, Gritt 6, ★POWELL 7
Chelsea: Borota 5, Locke 6, Rose 6, Hales, K 6, Pates 6, Nutton 6, ★BRITTON 7, Rhoades-Brown 6 (sub Chivers), Langley 6, Walker, C 6, Harris 6
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Kelly 15)
PRESTON (0) 2 (Elwiss 75, 89)
 Att 15,293
Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 6, Scott 5, Peake 6, May 7, O'Neill 6, Edmunds 7, Goodwin 6, Young 7, ★KELLY 8, Henderson 6
Preston: Tunks 6, Taylor 6, McAteer 7, Burns 6, Baxter 7, Blackley 6, Bell 6 (sub Potts 6), Coleman 6, Elliott 8, ★ELWISS 8, McGee 6
Referee: S. G. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

LUTON (0) 1 (Hatton 68)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Hamilton 60)
 Att 8,507
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Donaghy 6, Grealish 5, Saxby 7, Price 8, Hill 5, West 7, Stein 7, ★HATTON 8, Pearson 6
Burnley: Stevenson 7, Arns 7, Brennan 7, Scott 8, Overton 7, Dixon 7, James 5, Robertson 6, Hamilton 7, ★JAKUB 8, Smith 7
Referee: R. S. Lewis (Gr. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 3 (With 71, 74, Cassidy 84)
BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1 (Penny 44)
 Att 19,011
Newcastle: Hardwick 7, Brownlie 7, Davies 7, Cassidy 7, Boam 7, Bird 7, Walker 6 (sub Shoulder 7), Cartwright 6, With 7, ★HIBBITT 9, Shinton 7
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 7, Jones 6, Emmanuel 7, Aitken 7, ★HARDING 9, Bater 7, Barrowclough 7 (sub Mabbott 8), Williams 8, Penny 6, Bates 7, Pulus 6
Referee: D. Clarke (Accrington)
Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (1) 1 (Roffey 11)
CARDIFF (0) 1 (Buchanan 64)
 Att 4,081
Orient: Day 7, Fisher 6, Roffey 7, ★TAYLOR 8, Gray 6, Hughton 6, Chiedozie 7, Jennings 6 (sub Moores), Mayo 7, Margerrison 7, Coates 6
Cardiff: Heeley 7, Dwyer 7, ★LEWIS 8, Campbell 6, Pontin 6, Thomas 7, Buchanan 7, Stevens 6, Moore 6, Ronson 7, Grapes 6
Referee: R. C. Challis (Tonbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
SUNDERLAND (0) 1 (Cummins 86)
 Att 10,878
Notts County: ★AVRAMOVIC 7, Richards 6, O'Brien 6, Shelton 7, Stubbs 7, Kilcline 6, McCullough 7, Masson 7, Christie 6, Hunt 6, Mair 6
Sunderland: Turner 7, Whitworth 6, Hinnigan 6, ★CLARKE 8, Hindmarsh 6, Elliott 7, Arnott 6, Marangoni 5

(sub Rowell 7), Brown 7, Robson 7, Cummins 7
Referee: N. Glover (Chorley)
Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (2) 3 (Keay, pen 14, Turner 22, Biggins 84)
QPR (0) 0
 Att 9,050
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, Cross 6, Leonard 6, Turner 7, Griffin 7, Keay 8, Tong 7, ★ATKINS 9, Biggins 8, Dungworth 7, Maguire 7, QPR Woods 5, Shanks 7, Gillard 6, McCreary 7, Hazell 6, Wicks 7, Goddard 6, Roeder 7, Neal 6 (sub Waddock 6), ★CURRIE 8, Burke 7
Referee: R. Tosteland (Market Harborough)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Hazell (QPR)

SWANSEA (0) 2 (Craig, pen 56, 75)
WEST HAM (0) 1 (Devonshire 50)
 Att 13,275
Swansea: Stewart, D 6, Robinson 6, Evans 7, Charles 6 (sub Baker 6), Phillips 7, Stevenson 6, Craig 7, Attley 6, Waddle 7, ★GILES 8, Mahoney 6
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart, R 7, Brush 6, Bonds 6, Martin 6, ★DEVONSHIRE 7, Allen 5, Pearson 6, Pike 6, Brooking 6, Holland 6
Referee: V. G. Callow (Solihull)
Match Rating: ★★★

WREXHAM (0) 1 (McNeil 66)
CAMBRIDGE (0) 0
 Att 4,357
Wrexham: Davies 7, Hill 7, Whittle 8, Davis 7, Roberts 8, Sutton 8, Vinter 6, Arkwright 7, Fox 7, ★MCNEIL 9, Carrodus 8
Cambridge: Webster 8, Donaldson 6, Murray 7, Smith 7, Fallon 8, Gibbons 6, ★STREETE 9, Spriggs 8, Reilly 7, Finney 7, Christie 8
Referee: A. Banks (Radcliffe)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BARNESLEY v HULL - Match Postponed

BLACKBURN (1) 2 (Crawford 44, 86)
SWINDON (0) 0
 Att 11,571
Blackburn: Arnold 7, Branagan 7, Rathbone 7, Kendall 7, ★KEELEY 9, Fazackerley 8, Brotherston 7, Crawford 8, Garner 7, McKenzie 7, Parkes 8
Swindon: ★ALLAN 9, Stroud 7, Peach 7, McHale 7, Lewis 8, Carter 7, Williams 7, Kamara 8, Rowland 7, Mayes 7, Cockrell 7
Referee: D. T. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BLACKPOOL (0) 2 (Noble 73, Fletcher 79)
MILLWALL (2) 2 (Sweetzer 4, Lyons 36)
 Att 4,357
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Gardner 6, Pashley 7, Noble 6, Ashurst 6, McEwan 6, Morris 6, MacDougall 5, ★FLETCHER 7, Drummy 6, Harrison 6
Millwall: Jackson 7, Gregory 6, Roberts 6, Chatterton 7, Blythe 7, Kitchener 7, Sweetzer 6 (sub Coleman 6), ★MEHMET 9, McKenna 6, Lyons 7, Martin 6
Referee: J. Farley (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★

BRENTFORD (0) 0
ROTHERHAM (0) 1 (Winn 57)
 Att 4,990
Brentford: Bond 7, Fraser 6, ★TUCKER 8, Shrub 6, Kruse 7, Salman 6, Carlton 6, Graham 7, Booker 6 (sub Alder 6), Funnel 6

Phillips 6
Rotherham: Brown 7, Forrest 7, Taylor 7, Tiler 7, Stancliffe 7, Green 7, Owen 7, ★WINN 8, Halom 7, Carr 7, Henson 6
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★

BURY (0) 0
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (White 26, 69)
 Att 2,764
Bury: Forrest 6, Howard 5, ★WADDINGTON 7, Whitehead 6, Kennedy 6, Wilson 6, Constantine 5, McIlwraith 5, Hilton 5, Madden 5, Johnson 5 (sub Mullen 5)
Gillingham: Hillyard 6, Young 6, Weatherley 7, Overton 6, Barker 7, Duncan 7, ★WHITE 8, Crabbe 6, Richardson 6, Westwood 5, Price 6
Referee: J. W. Lloyd (Worcester)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Austin 35, 53)
CHESTER (1) 1 (Jones 7)
 Att 3,097
Mansfield: Arnold 6, Dawkins 5, Mann 7, Curtis 5, McClelland 6, Burrows 6, M. Iler 6, Pollard 5, ★AUSTIN 8, Bird 6, Allen 5
Chester: ★LLOYD 8, Jeffries 5, Walker 5, Storton 6, Cottam 6, Fear 7, Sutcliffe 6, Jones 5, Rush 6, Phillips, T 5, Phillips, R 6
Referee: D. W. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

OXFORD (2) 2 (Foley, pen 5, Taylor 20)
EXETER (0) 0
 Att 2,910
Oxford: Burton 6, McIntosh 6 (sub Jones 5), Watson 7, Briggs 6, Cooke 7, Jeffrey 7, McGrogan 6, ★TAYLOR 8, Berry 6, Foley 6, Brock 7
Exeter: ★MAIN 8, Mitchell 5, Hatch 6, Hore 5, Giles 6, Roberts 6, Pratt 5, Rogers 6, Kellow 6, Delve 5, Pullar 5 (sub Neville 7)
Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★★

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Trussell 1, 35)
COLCHESTER (0) 0
 Att 4,330
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, James 6, Harrison 5, Randell 6, Foster 7, Phillipson Masters 7, ★TRUSSON 9, Kemp 6, Sims 7, Bason 6 (sub Hodges 5)
Colchester: ★WALKER 8, Cook 6, Packer 6, Leslie 5, Wignall 6, Dowman 5, Hodge 7, Rawles 6, Wright 5, Lee 6, Alinson 6
Referee: M. Robertson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

READING (1) 2 (Bowman 37, Kearns 72)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 2 (Ridley 48, Bonnyman 85)
 Att 6,563
Reading: Death 6, Joslyn 6, White 7, ★BOWMAN 8, Hetzke 7, Moreline 6, Williams 6, Kearns 5, Kearne 6, Sanchez 7, Wanklyn 6
Chesterfield: Turner 6, Sirk 6, O'Neill 6, Ridley 7, Green 6 (sub Walker 6), Bonnyman 6, Birch 7, Moss 6, ★TARTT 8, Salmons 6, Crawford 6
Referee: T. Bune (Billinghurst)
Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 0
CARLISLE (0) 2 (McCartney 70, McVittie 77)
 Att 11,971
Sheff Utd: Poole 7, Cutbush 7, Garner 6, Tibbott 5, McPhail 6, Speight 6, Casey 6, Verde 5, Matthews 6, Sabella 6, ★CHARLES 8 (sub Brown)
Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Hoolickin 6

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McCartney 7, MacDonald 7, Ludlam 7, Winstanley 7, McVitie 7, Houghton 6, Bannon 7, Hamilton 6, ★BEARDSLEY 8
Referee: R Bridges (Deeside)
Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Nelson 45)
 SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 1
(Mellor 25)
Att 7,455
Southend. ★CAWSTON 8, Dudley 7, Yates 7, Stead 7, Hadley 7, Cusack 7, Gray 6, Pountney 6, Spence 6 (sub Otułakowski 6), Tuohy 6, Nelson 7
Sheff Wed. Bolder 7, Blackhall 7, Grant 7 (sub Lowey 6), Smith 7, ★PICKERING 8, King 6, Taylor 6, Johnson 6, Mellor 7, McCulloch 7, Curran 7
Referee: L F Burden (Wimborne)
Match Rating: ★★★

WIMBLEDON (1) 3 (Denny 22, Leslie 71, Cunningham 73)
GRIMSBY (1) 6 (Kilmore 26 48, 65, Cumming 46, Mitchell 49, Drinkell 62)
Att 2,485
Wimbledon. ★GODDARD 8, Downes 5, Armstrong 6, Klug 6, Smith 4, Cunningham 4, Kettneridge 5, Dziadulewicz 6, Leslie 7, Cork 6, Denny 6 (sub Driver 5)
Grimsby. Batch 8, Moore 7, Cumming 6, Waters 7, Wigginton 7, Crombie 7, Broily 8, ★KILMORE 9, Drinkell 8, Mitchell 8, Ford 7
Referee: J Marin (Alton)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Four

BRADFORD CITY (0) 1 (Campbell 55)
 YORK (2) 2 (McDonald 43, Ford 44)
Att 5,036
Bradford. Smith 7, Jones 7, Wood 6, Robertson 6 (sub Staniforth 6), Jackson 7, Cooper 6, ★CHAPMAN 8, Dolan 5, Campbell 7, McNiven 6, Hutchins 5
York. Crawford 7, Hood 7, Kay 6, ★FORD 8, Faulkner 6, Clements 6, Wellings 6, Pugh 6, Eccles 6, McDonald 6, McGhie 6
Referee: N Ashley (Nantwich)
Match Rating: ★★★

DARLINGTON (0) 0

CREWE (0) 0
Att 1,288
Darlington. Barry 6, Nattress 5, Cochrane 5, Crosson 6, Coleman 5, Smith 5, ★HAWKER 8, Charlton 5, Stalker 7, Hamilton 6, Walsh 5
Crewe. Grobbelaar 6, Wilkinson 5, Bowers 6, Lewis 5, ★SCOTT 8, Prophett 7, McMahon 6, Coyne 5, Davies 5, Palios 6, Nelson 5
Referee: P Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★

DONCASTER (0) 1 (Flanagan 79)

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0
Att 2,327
Doncaster. Boyd 7, Russell 6, Snodin 7, G 7, Lister 5, Bradley 7, Dowd 6, ★FLANAGAN 8, Nimmo 7, Warboys 5, Bremner 7, Bentley 6 (sub Snodin, 16)
Bournemouth. Smeulders 7, Cunningham 6, Ferns 7, Impey 6, Townsend 6, Holder 6, Givens 5, Borthwick 6, Butler 5, ★MASSEY 8, Miller 6
Referee: A Dobson (Blackburn)
Match Rating: ★★★

HALIFAX (0) 1 (Kennedy 62)

ALDERSHOT (0) 0
Att 1,202
Halifax. Kilner 7, Dunleavy 6, Hutt 7, Evans 7, Harris 6, Burke 6, Firth 6, ★KENNEDY 8, Allatt 6 (sub Dryhurst), Smith 7, Stafford 6

ALDERSHOT. Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Wooller 7, ★BRILEY 8, Bennett 6 (sub Crosby), Youlden 6, Green 7, Brodie 7, Garwood 6, French 6, McGregor 6
Referee: A Hamil (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★

HARLEPOOL (1) 2 (Hampton 26, Houche 80)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Ingram 66)
Att 1,988
Hartlepool. Burleigh 7, ★SWEENEY 8, Lawrence 6, Fowler 7, Brooks 5, Ayre 7, Linacre 6, Houchen 6, Newton 7, Harding 7, Hampton 7, Northampton. Poole 7, Walker 5, Sandcock 7, Byatt 5, ★GAGE 8, Denyer 7, Sandy 5, Sargent 6, Heeley 7, Bowen 6, Ingram 7
Referee: G Nolan (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★
Sending Off: Byatt (Northampton)

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Turner 75)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
Att 4,682
Lincoln. McManus 7, Thompson 7, Neale 6, ★SHIPLEY 9, Peake 8, Carr 7, Hobson 6, Hughes 6, Cunningham 6, Turner 7, Bell 6
Portsmouth. Mellor 6, Ellis 7, Styles 6 (sub Roberts 6), Brisley 6, Perrin 6, Davey 7, Gregory 6, Laidlaw 6, Hemmerman 6, ★BRYANT 8, Rogers 7
Referee: A W Grey (Gorleston on Seal)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NORTHPORT (2) 3 (Gwyther 34, Moore 40, Vaughan, pen 77)
STOCKPORT (1) 1 (Sunley 8)
Att 4,727
Newport. Plumley 6, Davies 6, Relish 6, Bruton 7, Oakes 7, Ward 6, Vaughan 7, Lowndes 7, ★Gwyther 7, Aldridge 6 (sub Tynan), ★MOORE 8, Stockport. Lawson 6, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7, Thorpe 6, Bradd 5 (sub Edwards 6), Uzelac 5, ★WILLIAMS 8, Sunley 7, Sword 5, Galvin 5, Booth 6
Referee: A Robinson (Waterloo)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Uzelac (Stockport)

SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cammack 22)
WIGAN (2) 3 (Gore 2, Shearer 37, 83)
Att 2,140
Scunthorpe. Gordon 5, Davy 6 (sub Botham 6), Peacock 6, ★CAVANAGH 8, Deere 6, Oates 6, Cowling 7, Pilling 6, Partridge 7, Stewart 6, Wigan 6, Fretwell 7, Whittle 6, Gore 7, ★METHVEN 8, Davids 7, Corrigan 6, Wright 7, Houghton 7, Shearer 7, Urquhart 6
Referee: B Hill (Wellingborough)
Match Rating: ★★★

TRANMERE (0) 0
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0
Att 3,232
Tranmere. Johnson 6, Parry 7, Flood 7, ★BRAMHALL 8, Edwards 7, Mongall 7, O'Neil 7, Mathias 6, Kerr 6, Beamish 7, Peplow 7
Huddersfield. Rankin 6, Brown 6, Purdie 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Toppins 7, Laverick 6, Hart 7, ★KINDON 8, Robins 7 (sub Fletcher 6), Cowling 7
Referee: R Chadwick (Darwen)
Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (1) 2 (Rees 25, Penn 78)
PETERBOROUGH (1) 3 (Kellock 43, 57, Lynn 64)
Att 5,704
Walsall. Green 7, Macken 7, Mower 6, Sbragia 5, Williams, J 6, ★WILLIAMS, G 8, Penn 6, Waddington 6, Rees 7, Buckley 6, Caswell 6
Peterborough. Waugh 7, McVay 7, Phillips 7, Chard 7, Slough 7, Foster

7, Robson 7, ★KELLOCK 9, Cliss 7, Lynn 8, Lambert 8
Referee: E Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Lawrence 28)
PORT VALE (1) 1 (Keenan 27)
Att 2,247
Torquay. ★O'KEEFE 7, Pethard 6, Ritchie 6, Twichin 5, Wilson 6, Larmon 6, Davies 5 (sub Coffill), Lawrence 6, Cooper 5, Smith 5, Murphy 5
Port Vale. Dance 5, Keenan 6, Griffiths 6, Elsby 5, Harwood 6, Spronson 6, Beech 5, ★CHAMBERLAIN 7, Bromage 5, Sealy 6, Bentley 6
Referee: C White (Harrow)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Premier Division

CELTIC (0) 4 (Lennox 47, McGarvey 63, Doyle 68, MacDonald 70)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att 22,000
Celtic. Laichford 7, McGrain 7, MacLeod 7, Aitken 7, MacDonald 7, McAdam 7, ★PROVAN 8, Casey 6 (sub Burns 7), McGarvey 6, Lennox 7, Doyle 7, Hib 7, McArthur 7, Brazil 7, Duncan 7, Tierney 6, Rae 7, McNamara 7, Murray 6, Cormack 6, Torrance 6, Campbell 6, ★BEST 8
Referee: T Muirhead (Stenhousemuir)
Match Rating: ★★★★

DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
ST MIRREN (0) 0
Att 6,292
Dundee Utd. McAlpine 7, Stark, D 6, Philip 8, Fleming 4 (sub Dodds 6), Hegarty 6, ★NAREY 8, Bannon 5, Kirkwood 5, Pettigrew 5, Addison 5, Payne 5 (sub Milne)
St Mirren. ★THOMSON 9, Young 6, Beckett 6, Richardson 6, Fulton 6, Reid 5, Weir 7, Stark, W 6, Sonner 6, Rogan 5 (sub Dempster 5), Munro 6
Referee: W Knowles (Inverurie)
Match Rating: ★★★

KILMARNOCK (0) 0
PARTICK THISTLE (0) 1 (McAdam 88)
Att 3,500
Kilmarnock. ★McCULLOCH 7, Welsh 5, McLean 5, Maxwell 6, Clarke 6, McDicken 6, Houston 6 (sub Doherty 6), Mauchlen 6, Gibson 5, Cromland 6, Street 6
Partick. Rough 6, McKinnon 6, Whittaker 6, Campbell 6, ★MCADAM 7, Anderson 5, Park 6, Melrose 6, Higgins 6, O'Hara 6, McDonald 6
Referee: R B Valentine (Dundee)
Match Rating: ★★★

MORTON (1) 1 (Rooney, pen 17)
DUNDEE (0) 1 (MacLaren 58)
Att 6,500
Morton. Barnes 6, Miller 6, Holmes 6, Anderson 6, McLaughlin 6, ★ORR 8, Scott 7, Rooney 7, Thompson 6, Hutchinson 6, Tolmie 7
Dundee. Donaldson 6, Barr 6, Schaeffer 7, ★MC LAREN 8, Glennie 6, McGahey 6, Ferguson 6, Mackie 6, Fleming 7, Sinclair 6, Murphy 6
Referee: J R Wales (Cumbernauld)
Match Rating: ★★★

RANGERS (1) 2 (Jardine, pen 45, MacDonald, J 60)
ABERDEEN (1) 2 (Archibald 35, Jarvie 84)
Att 20,000
Rangers. McCloy 7, ★JARDINE 8, Dawson 7, Forsyth 6, Jackson 7, Stevens 6, McLean 6, Russell 6, Cooper 6, Smith 6, MacDonald, J 7
Aberdeen Clark 6, Kennedy 7,

McMaster 6, McLeish 6, Rougvie 6, Miller 6, ★STRACHAN 8, Archibald 7, McGhee 7, Jarvie 7, Scanlon 6
Referee: K J Hope (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division One

AIRDRIE (0) 2 (Russell 48, 89)

BERWICK (0) 1 (Davidson 90)

AYR (0) 1 (Connor 76)

DUMBARTON (0) 0

HAMILTON (1) 1 (Docherty 7)
ST JOHNSTONE (1) 1 (McDowell, 62)

HEARTS (0) 1 (Robertson 85)
ARBROATH (0) 0

MOTHERWELL (0) 3 (McCormack, 65, Gahagan 66, Clingan 88)
CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Miller 5, McCormack, pen 49)

RAITH (1) 1 (Harrow 8)

CLYDE (1) 1 (Kean 26)

STIRLING (0) 1 (Gray 73)

DUNFERMLINE (0) 0

Division Two

ALBION (0) 5 (Houston 48, 60, 87, Leishman 80, Hill 85)
QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Robertson 77)

ALLOA (0) 1 (Holt 65)

BRECHIN (1) 4 (Gillespie 30, 75, Campbell 77, 89)

FALKIRK (0) 0

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0

FORFAR (0) 0

EAST FIFE (1) 4 (Nelson 11, 50, Mitchell 74, Kirk 89)

MEADOWBANK (0) 0

STRANRAER (2) 3 (Inglis 21, Gibb 30, Hood 85)



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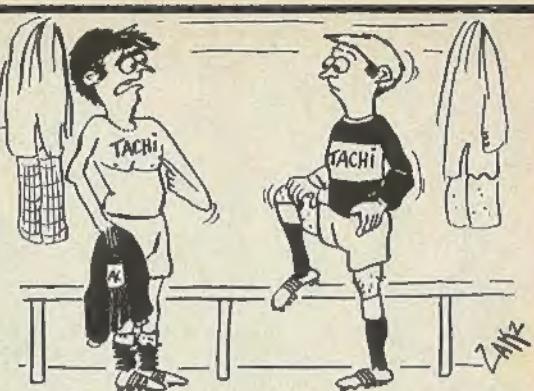
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FOOTBALL FUNNIES

THE FUN we've had sifting through the flood of football funnies you've sent us!

Our postbags have been bulging ever since we announced this regular feature. The staff have had many hours of enjoyment picking out the best ones to award the £2 prize to.

It's obvious that MATCH WEEKLY readers have a great sense of humour and it has been a difficult, but rewarding, task sorting out the winners.

The first this week comes from T. Iqbal, of 5 Coronation St, Blackburn, Lancs, who writes:

A father and his six year old son were watching Match of the Day on TV when suddenly Dad exploded: "Just look at that idiot! He's missed three open goals. Why do

they let that moron play?"

The little boy thought for a moment and replied: "Perhaps it's his ball, daddy!"

Another £2 goes to John Norris, of 90 Welland Crescent, Elsecar, Barnsley.

The Rochdale manager was walking down the street kicking cigarette packets . . . he was looking for 10 Players!

Not bad, eh? And there's a chance for all you budding cartoonists to win £2 if the judges select your drawing and funny caption.

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STEVE COPPELL

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WHO WILL MAKE IT TO WEMBLEY?

MATCH WEEKLY brings you a comprehensive preview to the F.A. Cup semi-finals between Arsenal and Liverpool and Everton and West Ham.

We've talked to the players involved in the two big games and they've told us where they think the games will be won and lost. You won't want to miss their inside comments.

There will also be detailed profiles of the four teams and a fascinating Match Facts analysis showing how individual performances have compared in the previous rounds.

Ron Atkinson predicts who will reach Wembley and why — and Kevin Keegan nominates his teams for the final.

All this and much more in our unique preview to semi-final day.

WINNER of the Match Weekly Spot the Difference competition (No. 4) was: Robert Bull, 51 Dunmow House, Maplestead Road, Dagenham, Essex. He wins a super cassette radio.

Five other winners each receive a football: Graham Mitchell, 1 Chesters Gardens, Crawcrook, Ryton, Tyne and Wear; Graham Duncan, 81 Maxwellton Road, Paisley, Scotland; I. G. Evans, Castle Gift Shop, Llanberis, Gwynedd, North Wales; Michael Doherty, 104 New Spring Street, Birmingham; Gareth Smith, 42 Simpkin Street, Abram, Nr. Wigan.

WINNERS of the Match Weekly Crossword No. 27 were: Paul Ellison, Burkdale, Deervalley Road, Holeworthy, Devon; Mark Lawther, 12 Caledonia Road, Stanwell, Middlesex; Michael McKinstry, 85 Hollybank Road, Templepatrick, Ballyclare, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland; John Earls, 24 Portrush Close, Windmill Hill, Bletchley, Bucks; David Maddison, 55 Lawrence Road, Wittering, Peterborough.

Answers

Across: 1. John Toshack, 6. QPR, 8. Joe Corrigan, 10. (Joe) Royle, 11. Pass back, 14. (Steve) Fox, 15. (Dave) Watson, 16. Newcastle, 18. Teddy Maybank, 21. Ref. 22. (Kevin) Reeves, 23. Dim.

Down: 1. Joe Jordan, 2. Home, 3. (John) O'Hare, 4. Halifax, 5. (Gordon) Cowans, 7. (Mike) Pejik, 9. Celtic, 11. Port Vale, 12. (Brandon) Batson, 13. Ken Sansom, 15. Wembley, 17. Exeter, 19. York, 20. (Brian) Kidd.

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Solution: 1. Player second from left has moustache, 2. Photographer has push instead of press, 3. Camera now black, 4. Gent with bowler has buttons missing, 5. Programme now missing from Gents pocket, 6. Cigar is now a pipe, 7. Bill-board ad now gone, 8. Policeman's helmet now all black, 9. Boy's shoes all black, 10. Matchbox missing off turf.

FINDERS KEEPERS

GOR-DON B-ANKS (lines 1, 3, 2), RAY C-LEM-ENCE (lines 3, 1, 2), TON-Y WA-ITERS (lines 3, 2, 1).

QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Gary Collier, 2. Exeter City, 3. Doncaster Rovers, 4. Newcastle United, 5. Bob Latchford, 6. Keith Peacock, 7. Frank McGarvey, 8. (a) Alec Stock, (b) Colin Adisson, (c) Tommy Gemmell, 9. Ray and Fran O'Brien, 10. Uruguay, 11. Mel Machin, 12. Gento, of Real Madrid, 13. Terry McDermott, 14. Sir Alf Ramsey, 15. West Ham United.



DEBUT DAY

MORE star players recall the magical day when they made their first team debuts and talk about the occasion, the nerves and the glory.

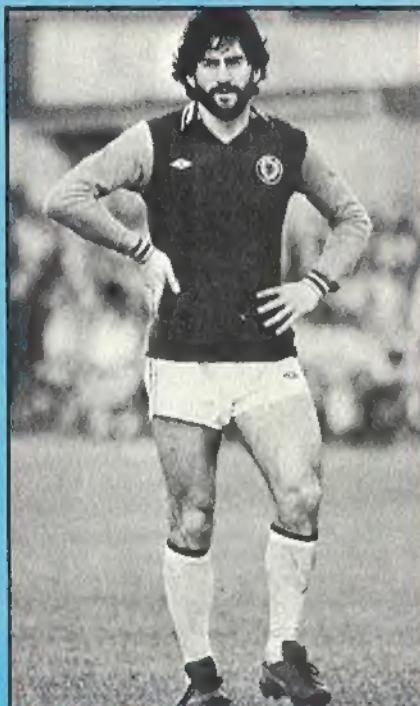


Kevin Keegan names the teams he thinks will be facing each other in this year F.A. Cup Final.

PLACE a regular order for MATCH WEEKLY with your newsagent — and read the top stories and features when they are still news.

BIRTHDAY TEAM OF THE MONTH

APRIL



Aston Villa's Dennis Mortimer celebrates his birthday today (Saturday, April 5).

WE'VE given you some great line-ups in our teams of the month and April is no exception. It's a really balanced side with a lot of experience and plenty of skill.

And we have three players linking defence with midfield who all have the same birthday — TOMMY SMITH, ROY McFARLAND and DENNIS MORTIMER. April 5 is their big day.

Here is our April team with birthdays shown after each players name and then followed by present club (if any) previous clubs and honours.

GARY SPRAKE (3) (ex-Leeds, Birmingham and Wales); KEN SHELLITO (18) (QPR assistant manager, ex-Chelsea player and manager and England); BRIAN GREENHOFF (28) (Leeds, ex-Manchester United and England); TOMMY SMITH (5) (Liverpool Youth coach, ex-Liverpool, Swans player coach, England Youth and Under-23); ROY McFARLAND (5) (Derby, ex-Tranmere, England full cap and Under-21); DENNIS MORTIMER (5) (Aston Villa, ex-Coventry, England Youth and Under-21); RALPH COATES (26) (Orient player-coach, ex-Burnley, Tottenham, England full and Under-21); STEVE DALEY (15) (Manchester City, ex-Wolves, England Youth and 'B'); TREVOR FRANCIS (Nottingham Forest and England, ex-Birmingham); PETER MENDHAM (9) (Norwich); CHRIS GARLAND (24) (Bristol City, ex-Chelsea, Leicester and England Under-23).

match makers

RAY WILKINS

Man Utd and England.

FULL NAME: Raymond Colin Wilkins.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hillingdon, Sept 14, 1956
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 7in, 10st 10lbs.
MARRIED: To Jackie.
CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Vauxhall Cavalier 2-litre.
PREVIOUS CLUB: Chelsea. Started as 11-year-old. Signed by Dave Sexton as apprentice at 15.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Razor'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Back injury at Chelsea.
FAVOURITE/PLAYERS: Johnny Giles, Trevor Brooking, and Kevin Keegan.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Chelsea.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER: Pele.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks; Djalma Santos, Beckenbauer, Moore, Fassett; B Charlton, Rivera, Keegan; Best, Cruyff, Pele.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks; McCreadie, Watson, Moore, Wilson; B Charlton, Dalglish, Peters, Brooking; Keegan, Best.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUNDS: Spurs and Liverpool.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM: Maracana, Brazil.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Diving header from Bill Garner's cross against Plymouth for Chelsea.
BEST GOAL SCORED: Terry McDermott's against Spurs in the FA Cup on March 8.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Chelsea debut v Spurs; England debut v Italy in New York.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scored the winner when England won the 1975 Little World Cup in Switzerland against Finland.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Relegated twice with Chelsea.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, swimming, tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Do-it-yourself (I wish I was good at it) and sunbathing.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, crowd misbehaviour.
FAVOURITE TV: Western films.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Proms.
FAVOURITE READING: Sports articles.
FAVOURITE MUSIC/SINGER: Marvin Gaye, Johnny Mathis.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything, but I'm on a diet at present!
FAVOURITE DRINK: Glass of wine.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Brazil.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Raquel Welch.
BEST FILM SEEN LAST YEAR: Midnight Express.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Injuries.
SUPERSTITIONS: Never put my shorts on until the buzzer goes.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Capped at Schoolboy, Youth, Under 21, Under 23 and Senior level for England (27 full caps).
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful after my playing career.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: Win anything with United and keep my England place.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Coaching.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Andy Ritchie (Man U).
WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET? The Queen with my Wembley medal.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen to advice and dedicate yourself to the game.



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